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DEREK Statham and Peter Foley
live in different worlds . . .
Statham with wealthy West Brom,
Foley with hard-up Oxford.

But here Match Weekly brings
the two of them together to talk
about the one thing they do have
in common . . . the day they
produced a cup sensation.

Here they re-live their
matchwinning performances.

**ENGLAND rated full-back
Derek Statham is the cup
king of West Bromwich
Albion.**

He hadn't scored a first team
goal for three years until he sent
Albion into the Semi-Finals of the
League Cup with the only goal of
the game against Midlands rivals
Aston Villa.

Three days later he completed
a memorable week when he
repeated his scoring trick to put
paid to Third Division
Gillingham's giantkilling
aspirations in the FA Cup.

"I've had to wait a long time
for the goals to come but it was
worth it," admitted Derek, who's
last previous goal for Albion was
back in October 1978 in the club's
7-1 victory over Coventry.

"I suppose I should have
scored more. I've had one or two
near misses over the years,"
added the England 'B'
international.

Derek started the move for the
goal which dumped Villa out of
the League Cup deep inside his
own half and was in the
inside-right position to take full
advantage of the final pass from
Gary Owen.

Although the game was
televised, Derek hasn't had a
chance to see a recording of his
first cup cracker. He explained:
"There's a dispute at the TV
company so I haven't been able
to watch it."

There were no such problems
at Gillingham where the cameras
caught Derek in a deadly mood
again – finishing off a one-two
with his skipper John Wile to
give Albion a last minute winner
against the brave Kent side.

"My team-mates were as
surprised as I was after the
Gillingham game. They couldn't
believe I'd scored twice in a
week.

"The goals have put us in a
good position in both
competitions. We're just one
match away from Wembley in
the League Cup and we've got a
home tie in the Fifth Round of the
FA Cup.

"And they won't have harmed
my England hopes either," added
Derek, who's rated by many as
the best left-back in the country.

"Obviously I'm thinking about
Spain. I'd love to go there as part
of the England set up. I believe
I've been unlucky with injuries at
vital times.

"While I was injured Kenny



VILLA KILLER

BECAUSE of a TV dispute
Derek Statham has been
unable to see a recording of
his first cup cracker, but
Match photographer Philip
Bagnall comes to the rescue
with this fascinating
sequence of pictures
showing Derek's League
Cup winner against Villa in
all its glory . . .

1 Derek Statham (second
left) homes in on Gary
Owen's pass.

2 Wham! The ball bulges
into the back of the Villa net
and a delighted Cyrille
Regis (far right) is already
up in the air.

3 Derek takes off on his
victory lap as beaten
goalkeeper Jimmy Rimmer
kneels prostrate in the
goalmouth . . .

4 . . . and runs straight into
the line of fire of our man at
the match to produce a
picture of delight.

DEADLY DEREK

...It's Statham at the double

Sansom came in and did very
well. I've lost ground to him, but
it's up to me to prove I'm good
enough," added Derek.

Albion are now riding high
after an indifferent start to the
season which saw unrest and
upheaval within the club.

"It was a difficult time because
some very good players were
allowed to leave the club and we
were left wondering whether
good replacements would be
bought.

"But the manager has bought

wisely and after a period of
chopping and changing we've
got a good settled side."

One of manager Ronnie Allen's
bargain buys was Dutch
midfielder Martin Jol and Derek
believes he's brought a
steadying influence to the West
Brom midfield.

Now, with West Brom in such
good form, Derek is hopeful that
his season will end with a
fabulous 'double' . . . a Wembley
cup final appearance and a place
in Spain!

SENSATION!



Foley's finest hour

PETER Foley, Oxford United's two-goal hero in their shock 3-0 defeat of First Division Brighton, hopes their giantkilling feat will enable the cash-stricken Third Division side to turn the corner.

Oxford were recently saved from liquidation by the intervention of millionaire publisher Robert Maxwell.

But says Peter: "We all know that Mr Maxwell is not going to keep putting money in for ever, and it's probably up to the players to do their bit for the club.

"And we couldn't have made a better start than with that 3-0 victory at Brighton."

For locally-born Peter, an Oxford player for eight years, that FA Cup shock at the Goldstone Ground was the greatest afternoon of his career.

"I was obviously delighted when my first goal went in, but when I scored my second I had a feeling of almost disbelief.

"That made the score 3-0 and sealed a victory that shocked the football world.

"You go to First Division clubs hoping for a

victory, but deep down you don't expect one. "But on the day we could have won by a far bigger margin, we were that much better.

"I just hope that success stirs up interest in the town and that we can start getting the fans through the turnstiles.

"Manager Ian Greaves has done a terrific job with the same players who have been struggling in the Division for years.

"We are still in the promotion picture and now we are having a great run in the Cup."

TURN to page 27 for an action replay of Gerry Armstrong's goal for Watford in the 2-0 FA Cup victory over West Ham . . . and the comments of regular Match columnist, 'Hammers' striker David Cross.



DIFFERING DEBUTS

THERE were vastly contrasting debuts for Bury's Steve Bains and Newcastle's Kevin Todd.

Steve, on loan from Walsall, was sent off during Bury's 1-1 Fourth Division draw with promotion rivals Colchester.

But Kevin, a former engineer, had an afternoon to remember with two goals in Newcastle's shock 3-2 win over Division Two promotion chasers Watford at Vicarage Road.

Grimsby in the final

GRIMSBY, who recently sacked manager George Kerr, are through to the final of the Football League's Group Cup tournament which had the qualifying stages back in August.

The Second Division strugglers defeated Shrewsbury 2-1 with both goals coming from Kevin Kilmore.

They will face Peterborough, Wimbledon or Burnley in the final.

Alex says 'No'

MANAGERLESS Wolves failed in their attempt to persuade Aberdeen boss Alex Ferguson to take the Molineux hot seat.

After talks with the Wolves board, Alex rejected a lucrative offer to replace John Barnwell who resigned at the beginning of January.

Two seasons ago Alex led Aberdeen to the Scottish Premier Division championship, thus breaking the monopoly of Glasgow giants Celtic and Rangers.

Oldham's taste of the high life

OLDHAM, bidding for a Division One place for the first time in their history, had a taste of what lies ahead when they faced near-neighbours Manchester United in a friendly at Boundary Park.

It was United who took the honours with a 3-1 victory.

Malcolm sits it out

MALCOLM Poskett, Watford's top scorer in the Second Division last season, now finds himself on the sidelines as the Vicarage Road club bids for a place in the First Division.

And the big mystery is that clubs are fighting shy of signing the striker who started his career with Middlesbrough and hit a regular goal trail with Hartlepool and Brighton.

Although he is not on the transfer list, there is no doubt that he could be on the move if the right offer came along.

MILLS JOINS MAGPIES

FORMER Middlesbrough striker David Mills, who was cast as one of the country's most expensive reserves, has returned to the North East in a bid to secure first team football.

David cost West Brom a record £500,000 when signed from Middlesbrough three years ago, but in that time he has managed only 54 League matches.

Now he has joined Second Division Newcastle until the end of March with a view to a £100,000 transfer.

Just before Christmas, Newcastle were set to spend £150,000 on Sunderland striker Alan Brown but the deal collapsed following a medical examination.

Stuart's unique

HEREFORD'S Stuart Phillips doesn't often make football headlines, but he's unique among current Football League players.

He is the only one among them who is a professional with a club of which his father is a director.



West Brom's £500,000 striker David Mills has joined Newcastle on loan.

Chester cheer the fans

THIRD Division Chester have broken their duck at last.

After having the dubious distinction of being the only Football League club without a home League win this season, they finally ended their run at the tenth attempt on January 19.

The victims were Portsmouth, but less than 1,500 fans turned out at Sealand Road to watch Chester's 3-2 victory, sealed by a late Gary Simpson goal.

CAPITAL CURSE

IF the current sequence continues then a London club will be relegated this season.

In the last six seasons at least one team from the capital has been relegated.

Tottenham went down in 1976-77, West Ham in 1977-78, Queen's Park Rangers, Chelsea and Millwall in 1978-79, Fulham, Charlton and Wimbledon in 1979-80 and Crystal Palace last season.

Train stokes 'em up!

WATFORD'S Ray Train is one of the few players who has played a part in promotion triumphs with four different clubs.

They were achieved from Division Two with Carlisle (1973-74), Sunderland (1975-76) and Bolton (1977-78) and from Division Three with Watford (1978-79).

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Yesterday's heroes

THE heady glory of being an F.A. Cup goalscoring hero at Wembley can be fleeting.

Alan Taylor (now at Cambridge) scored both West Ham's goals in the 1975 victory over Fulham.

Bobby Stokes was Southampton's match winner in 1976, Stuart Pearson (right) and Jimmy Greenhoff did the trick for Manchester United a year later and Roger Osborne won the Cup for Ipswich in 1978.

Yet none of these Cup Final heroes still remain with the same club.

GOALS GALORE

THERE'S certainly never any shortage of goals when Ipswich visit Coventry in the First Division.

In the past four meetings at Highfield Road, no fewer than 19 goals have been scored.

Ipswich have collected 4-2 and 4-0 wins in the past two seasons, with Coventry winning 4-1 following a 2-2 draw prior to that.





Don Nardiello during his days with Coventry.

Nardiello's new start

FORMER Wales and Coventry winger Don Nardiello is back in this country hoping to revive his career in the Football League.

He is on trial with Fourth Division Sheffield United following the collapse of his American club Washington Diplomats.

Don, who burst on the scene two years ago when he won two full caps for Wales, says: "I enjoyed my soccer in the States.

"It boosted my confidence to a level I had never achieved at Coventry and for this I will always be grateful.

"The problem in trying to revive your career in England is that money is tight and clubs are reluctant to take on new players to add to their wage bill.

Handicap

"I've not been helped by the weather, either. The game has generally been put on ice and this has proved a big handicap."

Before joining Sheffield United, Don had a trial with West Brom but managed only four games out of a possible seven.

"I was optimistic about joining West Brom on a permanent basis," he says.

"At the time, it appeared as if they were looking for an orthodox winger to line up with Cyrille Regis but it didn't work out.

"It would have been very convenient because I've always lived just a few miles away from the Hawthorns."

UNFRIENDLY!

ENGLAND'S planned World Cup warm-up game in France has been cancelled now that the teams have been paired together in the Finals.

They were due to meet in Paris on March 24 but obviously neither side is keen to reveal too much at this stage with a June clash in Bilbao just around the corner.

So England are now left with just five preparatory matches, including the British Championship fixtures with Northern Ireland (at Wembley on February 23), Wales (away on April 27) and Scotland (away on May 29).

The other two matches are against Holland at Wembley on May 25 and a visit to Finland on June 3, 13 days before they kick-off their World Cup programme against France.

SAINTS' KIWI CONNECTION

ANOTHER of New Zealand's World Cup squad could be heading for a soccer career in England.

Big defender Ricky Herbert is having trials with Southampton after being recommended to the First Division club by former Sheffield Wednesday centre half Vic Mobley.

Striker Wynton Rufer is already in England with Second Division Norwich City.

Says Saints boss Lawrie McMenemy: "Initially, Ricky is here to train with us, but if he proves he's a good player, we could sign him."

Match Chat

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

On the bosses . . .

IPSWICH internationals George Burley, Kevin Beattie and John Wark have played under only one manager in Bobby Robson throughout their careers.

Looking at the other extreme, former England skipper Gerry Francis, now on loan to Coventry from Queen's Park Rangers, has served no fewer than 17 different managers during his 12-year career.

HAMILTON'S HAT-TRICK

NORTHERN Ireland striker Billy Hamilton gave his World Cup hopes a boost with a hat-trick as Burnley destroyed non-League Altrincham 6-1 in the F.A. Cup Third Round.

A Ranger makes a head start!

YOUNG full back Warren Neill became the toast of Queen's Park Rangers with his first-ever goal in senior soccer.

He came on as substitute in extra time of Rangers' F.A. Cup Third Round replay at Middlesbrough, and duly headed the winner just three minutes from the end.

Simon Stainrod had set the Second Division side on the way with two goals to take his tally to 16 before Middlesbrough hit back through Heine Otto and Bobby Thomson.

Hugh's honour

WOLVES' Hugh Atkinson had the distinction of scoring his side's first goal at Anfield for ten years.

But it wasn't sufficient to earn managerless Wolves their first victory at Liverpool in thirty years.

Late goals by Ronnie Whelan and Kenny Dalglish did the trick for Liverpool to deny caretaker-boss Ian Ross a triumphant return to his old stamping ground.

Incidentally, John Richards scored on the last occasion Wolves found the net at Anfield, and he was in the side again for the latest clash.

Wayne stays with Wolves

WOLVES striker Wayne Clarke won't be joining the America scene.

Wolves rejected a £100,000 offer from Seattle for the young brother of Leeds manager Allan.

And within days of turning down the move, Wolves caretaker-manager Ian Ross recalled the young forward for the first time since the middle of October.



Wolves striker Wayne Clarke was the subject of a bid from American club Seattle.

CARLISLE CLINCH IT

IN a desperate attempt to complete their FA Cup Second Round tie with Bishop Auckland, Carlisle forfeited ground advantage and took the game to Workington.

They managed to start the match once at Brunton Park but the game had to be abandoned midway through the second half because of a waterlogged pitch with the score at 0-0.

Carlisle clinched the tie with a late goal from Bob Lee.

THE WORLD AT THEIR FEET!

...the stars name their favourites to succeed in Spain

EVER since the draw for the World Cup Finals was made, football fans and football stars everywhere have been picking their two to go through from each group . . . and naming their favourites to win the trophy.

So, Match Weekly decided to seek the views of three of England's most successful foreign imports — Ossie Ardiles, Arnold Muhren and Ivan Golac — and they were only too pleased to help. Their comments make fascinating reading . . .

Spain are home and dry says Ivan Golac

FORMER Yugoslavian international Ivan Golac believes Spain will lift the World Cup.

With the advantage of home soil added to their obvious talent, Southampton full-back Ivan is taking the Spaniards to beat Brazil in the Final.

And he believes England may be the only home country to qualify for the Second Round.

Here's his run down on each of the six groups:

● **GROUP ONE:** "Italy and Poland for me — I don't expect any surprise qualifiers in this group.

"And I fancy Italy to do well as they always seem to do in the World Cup Finals . . . at least reaching the Semi-Finals. They have so many good players like

Bettega, Rossi, Gentile and Cabrini."

● **GROUP TWO:** "Again no surprises. I'm going for West Germany and Austria to qualify.

"West Germany must be good for at least the Semi-Finals because they have improved so much over the last decade and they would be my choice for overall third place.

"Whilst I believe Austria will qualify for the Second Round I don't think they will go any further."

● **GROUP THREE:** "Argentina and Hungary for me. Hungary are a very talented, gifted footballing nation and really impressed me in the last World Cup.

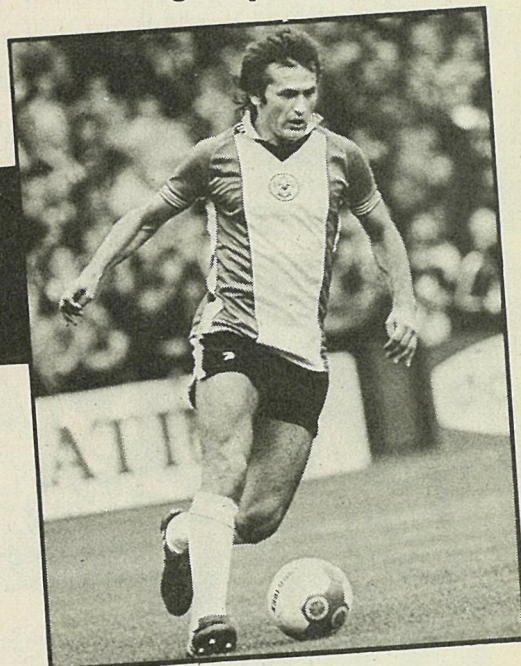
"So did Argentina. They obviously have talented players, but I don't fancy them to even reach the last four this time."

● **GROUP FOUR:** "An interesting group, but I think England and Czechoslovakia will be the two to go through.

"Although France did well in the last World Cup Finals I think Czechoslovakia will, as usual, rise to the big occasion and pip them for a place in the Second Round."

● **GROUP FIVE:** "Spain are my choice to win the World Cup and I believe my home country, Yugoslavia will go through with them from this group.

"Yugoslavia are a promising side, but I don't think



Ivan Golac — "Spain have so many players who can turn it on."

they will go too far.

"Spain meanwhile have some terrifically talented players to add to the advantage of playing at home.

"The first one that springs to mind is Zamora who I think could turn out to be the star of the finals.

"Quite often the host nation produces a player in a different class and I fancy Zamora could be that man this time.

"Of course he will be backed up by the brilliant skills of players like Juanito and Santillana. Spain have so many players who can turn it on."

● **GROUP SIX:** "Brazil yes, but picking the other qualifier from this group is the most difficult task of all.

"Scotland are a very gifted footballing country, but Russia are a country who would probably stand shoulder to shoulder with Brazil on their day and they just get my vote.

"They have improved tremendously and with World Class players like Blokhin and Kippiani they must be good for at least the Semi-Finals."

Ivan's 12 to go through are: Italy, Poland, West Germany, Austria, Argentina, Hungary, England, Czechoslovakia, Spain, Yugoslavia, Brazil and Russia.

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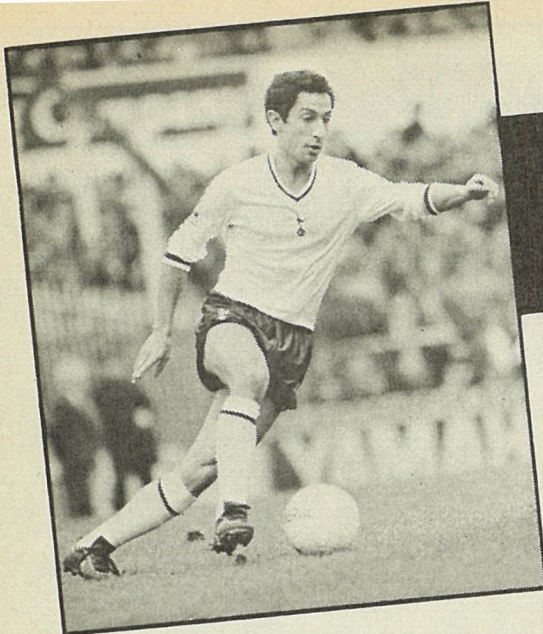
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Argentina again! says Ossie Ardiles

Ossie Ardiles — "Scotland can pip Russia and Northern Ireland could be a big surprise."

hard team to beat and everyone knows how well Italy can play.

"The Italians have so many good players. Paulo Rossi if he plays will be a big influence and Cabrini and Antognoni will also be key men."

● **GROUP TWO:** "West Germany for sure and then it's between Chile and Austria for the second qualifying place. Austria just get my vote."

"West Germany can go all the way to the Final and although it's very hard to single out individuals because they are such a good team overall, Rummenigge has been playing very, very well for a long time now and may be their key player."

● **GROUP THREE:** "Argentina of course and I think Belgium will join us."

"I was not impressed with Hungary in their two games against England. Belgium meanwhile are looking good and are particularly dangerous on the break."

"As for Argentina, I think we can win the World Cup again. Individually we are a better side now with more experience."

"Usually the star of the Finals comes from the winning team and if we do win, I believe Diego

Maradona will be the star this time."

● **GROUP FOUR:** "I'm taking England and France to go through. I've not been impressed with Czechoslovakia lately — particularly away from home."

"France are unpredictable, but on their day they can be brilliant."

"England have a good chance, but they must start to believe in themselves. It's very important that England restore confidence in the matches they will play between now and the Finals."

"Glenn Hoddle if he plays could be England's star."

● **GROUP FIVE:** "I think Spain and Yugoslavia will qualify . . . but Northern Ireland could be the big surprise. They played very well in their last match and Spain and Yugoslavia must be very careful."

● **GROUP SIX:** "This is the toughest group and think Brazil and Scotland will come out on top."

"Russia have been playing well, but they are another team who are not so impressive away from home."

"Scotland have a lot of good individuals and were very good in their last game. If players like Hansen, Souness, Dalglish and Archibald can get it together they can beat Russia for second spot."

Ossies final 12 is: Italy, Poland, West Germany, Austria, Argentina, Belgium, England, France, Spain, Yugoslavia, Brazil and Scotland.

ARGENTINIAN ace Ossie Ardiles is confident he and his countrymen can repeat their success of 1978.

The Spurs midfielder believes Argentina will be even better prepared than they were for the last Finals.

And he names Brazil and West Germany as the two main dangers . . . with Spain, Italy and England as the next biggest threats.

Here is his run down:

● **GROUP ONE:** "I think Italy and Poland will go through. If Poland play as they can they will be a

Brilliant Brazil for me says Arnold Muhren

DUTCH master Arnold Muhren believes Brazil's blend of brilliance and aggression will land them the coveted trophy for a fourth time.

And the Ipswich midfielder, a member of the Holland team which failed to reach this year's Finals after finishing runners-up in 1974 and 1978, feels England may be the only British representatives in the final twelve.

Here's Arnold's summing up of each group:

● **GROUP ONE:** "Italy and Poland must be the hot favourites to qualify from this section, although Peru did fairly well in the last World Cup Finals."

"But the Europeans are not as powerful as they were, and I don't fancy either of them to go beyond the Second Round."

● **GROUP TWO:** "West Germany are Europe's best bet in the competition and seem certain to qualify from this group with their qualifying group rivals Austria."

"The Germans had a 100 per cent in their group and I can't visualise Chile and Algeria being much of a threat to them."

● **GROUP THREE:** "If anything, Argentina are a better side now with Diego Maradona, than when they lifted the trophy in 1978 and they are sure to go a long way again this time."

"The other place in this group rests between Belgium and Hungary."

"I played against Belgium in the qualifying stages and I wasn't too impressed, but they finished second in the last European Championships and I give them the vote over Hungary."

● **GROUP FOUR:** "I can see England getting through to the Second Round, with France possibly getting the better of Czechoslovakia who are no longer a major force in Europe."

"England have some very good and exciting players, but their style of play might work against them later on in the tournament."

"I feel that you must operate a 'sweeper' system in a competition. Look how Liverpool suffered against Brazilian champions Flamengo in the World Club Championship with two killer balls through the middle."

"That kind of telling ball is less effective when there is a 'sweeper' to cover the other defenders."

● **GROUP FIVE:** "Host side Spain have shown considerable improvement over the past 12 months and seem sure to go through, but it could be close between Northern Ireland and Yugoslavia."

"Northern Ireland have a few outstanding players, but I believe the strength of the Yugoslavians will tell in the end. They have always had a strong side."

● **GROUP SIX:** "This is one of the most interesting sections with Scotland and Russia battling to join my favourites, Brazil, in the Second Round."

"It could turn out to be who is on form on the day when Scotland face the Russians who are now one of the top European teams."

"But I would rate England's chances much brighter than Scotland's in reaching the Second



Arnold Muhren — "England's style might work against them later in the competition."

Round, purely on the basis that they have a slightly easier group."

Arnold's Second Round teams: Italy, Poland, West Germany, Austria, England, France, Belgium, Argentina, Spain, Yugoslavia, Brazil, Russia.

GROUP ONE

Italy
Peru
Cameroon
Poland

GROUP TWO

West Germany
Chile
Algeria
Austria

GROUP THREE

Argentina
Belgium
El Salvador
Hungary

GROUP FOUR

ENGLAND
France
Kuwait
Czechoslovakia

GROUP FIVE

Spain
NORTHERN IRELAND
Honduras
Yugoslavia

GROUP SIX

Brazil
SCOTLAND
Russia
New Zealand

I AM a 16-year-old Liverpool fan who would like a female Liverpool supporter in Australia.

Abdul Ralif, 101 Waverley Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.

I AM a 13-year-old boy who would like a male pen pal between the ages of 12 and 14 who supports Leeds and lives in the Yorkshire area.

Adam Murphy, "Kylemore", Woodhill Tivoli, Cork, Eire.

I AM a 12-year-old Liverpool supporter and follower of Arsenal who would like a pen pal, aged between 10 and 13, who supports any First Division team.

Mark Bolton, 49 Hangerfield Court, Lings Estate, Northampton.

I AM a 16-year-old Manchester United girl fan who would like a male pen friend from England or Scotland.

Denise Hamblett, 75 Pennington, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough.

I AM a 13-year-old Liverpool fan who would like a pen pal who supports Dundee United in order to exchange programmes and souvenirs. Ian Wilkins, 66 Woodfarm Hey, Cantril Farm, Liverpool 28.

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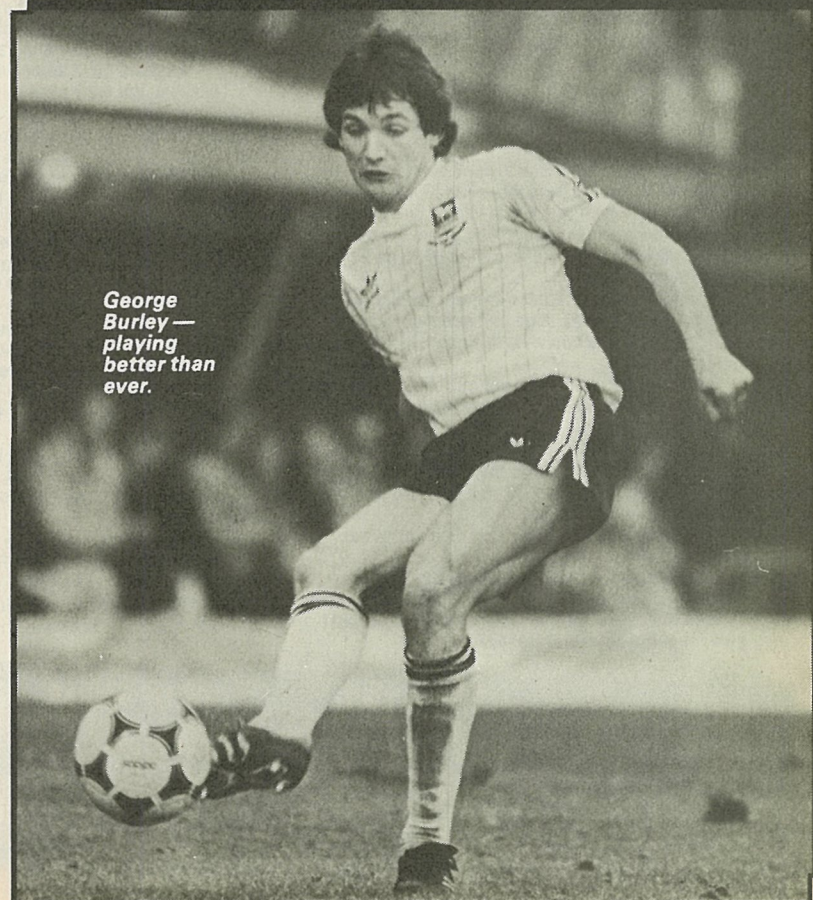
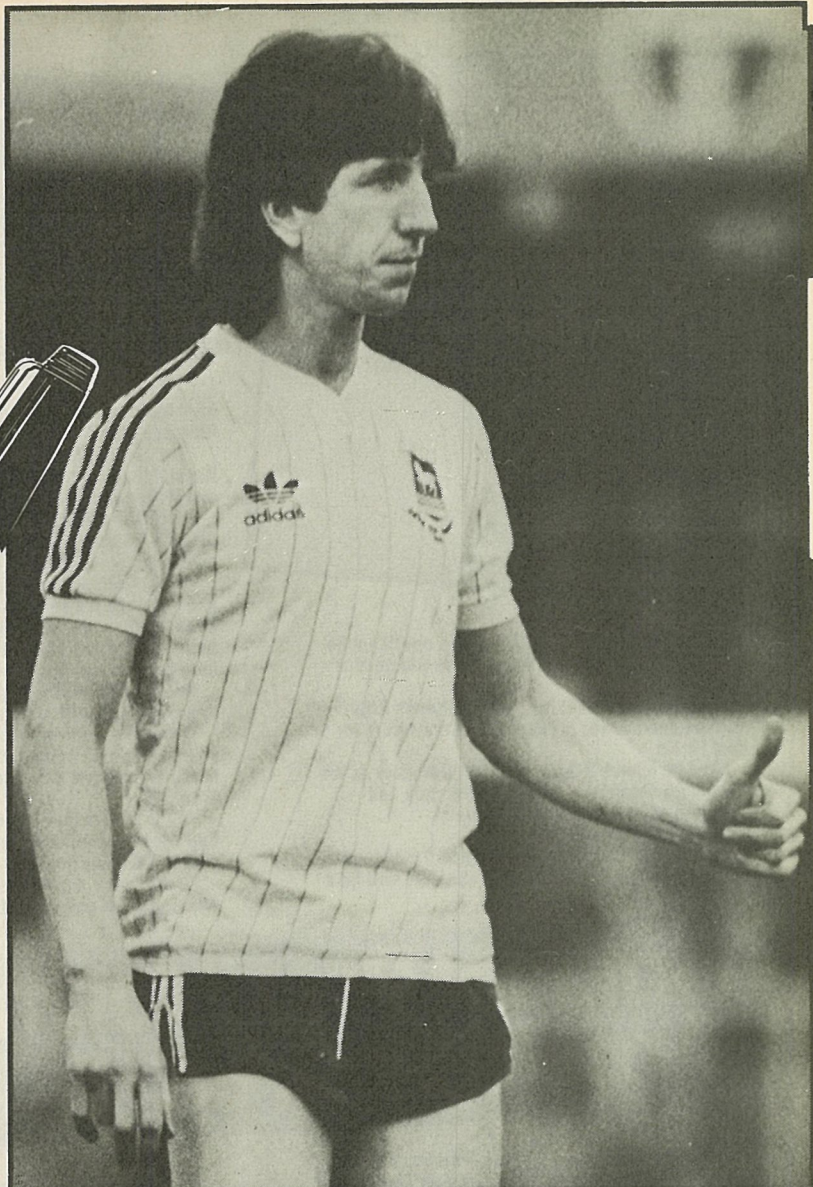
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Alan Storer, 57 Grange Way, Iwer, Bucks.

I AM a Danish boy who supports Tottenham and I would like a pen pal from anywhere in England.

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We've only emulated last season's impressive form in fleeting moments so far yet we are being hailed as treble material.

With a world class player like Frans Thijssen still to return to the side after injury, I'm certain that we can produce much better performances in terms of rhythm and quality.

Nevertheless, our new club record makes pretty impressive reading with six of the nine wins coming away from home with 24 goals to show in the process.

But all references to a possible 'grand slam' is strictly taboo in the Portman Road dressing room.

We've learned a lot of lessons from our experiences of last season when we managed only one leg of a treble bid, so there are no visions of grandeur at Ipswich.

Our major priority is the League Championship, and, although we are in a promising position, we realise there is still a long, long way to go.

One reason for our current sequence of success is the conversion of chances on a more regular basis.

At the beginning of the season, we were creating openings without providing the finish. Now our ratio of goals from chances has dramatically risen.

One of the key players in this is young Scottish striker Alan Brazil, who is now revealing his full potential.

He scored seven goals in those nine games to underline my belief that he is one of the best finishers in the First Division.

His deadly accuracy in front of goal at the moment bears all the hallmarks of an international player, and he must be a strong candidate for Scotland's World Cup squad.

When you consider he has only made one full appearance for his country, it shows just what an embarrassment of richness Scotland have at their disposal, particularly up front with the likes of Kenny Dalglish, Joe Jordan, John Robertson, Steve Archibald and Andy Gray.

George Burley is another player who will be pushing to regain his place in the Scotland squad after his serious knee injury, because he is now playing better than ever.

Scotland could have one of the strongest squads in the Finals in terms of ability, and they could emerge as one of the dark horses in the competition.

I know they are in a tough group with Russia and Brazil, but I think they can stand up to the test and they will be desperately keen to make up for the disappointments in Argentina.

Having mentioned George Burley, it's ironic that we have been drawn away to Shrewsbury in the FA Cup Fifth Round, because it was at Gay Meadow in last season's Fourth Round where he sustained his knee injury.

Obviously, we would have preferred a home tie, but getting drawn away to Shrewsbury is far better than landing Tottenham or Liverpool at this stage.

We were somewhat fortunate to get a goalless draw at Shrewsbury last season before winning the replay 3-0, so we know we are in for a tough game.

Mind you, we were expecting Second Division leaders Luton to provide us with a much sterner test than they did in the last round.

They played well in the first half without seriously troubling our defence, although Ricky Hill did hit the bar with a brilliant piece of individual skill.

They maintained a rigid back four system with skipper Brian Horton operating just in front of the defence which I thought was rather defensive-minded for a side whose best chance of victory was on their own ground.

In the second half, they seemed rather tense and over-anxious, and we gradually assumed control in midfield before hitting them with three quick goals.

There seems no doubt that Luton will get promoted this season and they have several players with First Division potential.

But as last season's promoted sides, West Ham, Swansea and Notts County, are finding it's difficult maintaining a high level of consistency week in week out in the First Division where every match is a challenge.

So we will just have to wait and see how well they will perform.

B O R D E A K E R S



Alan Brazil — one of the best finishers in the First Division and now revealing his full potential.

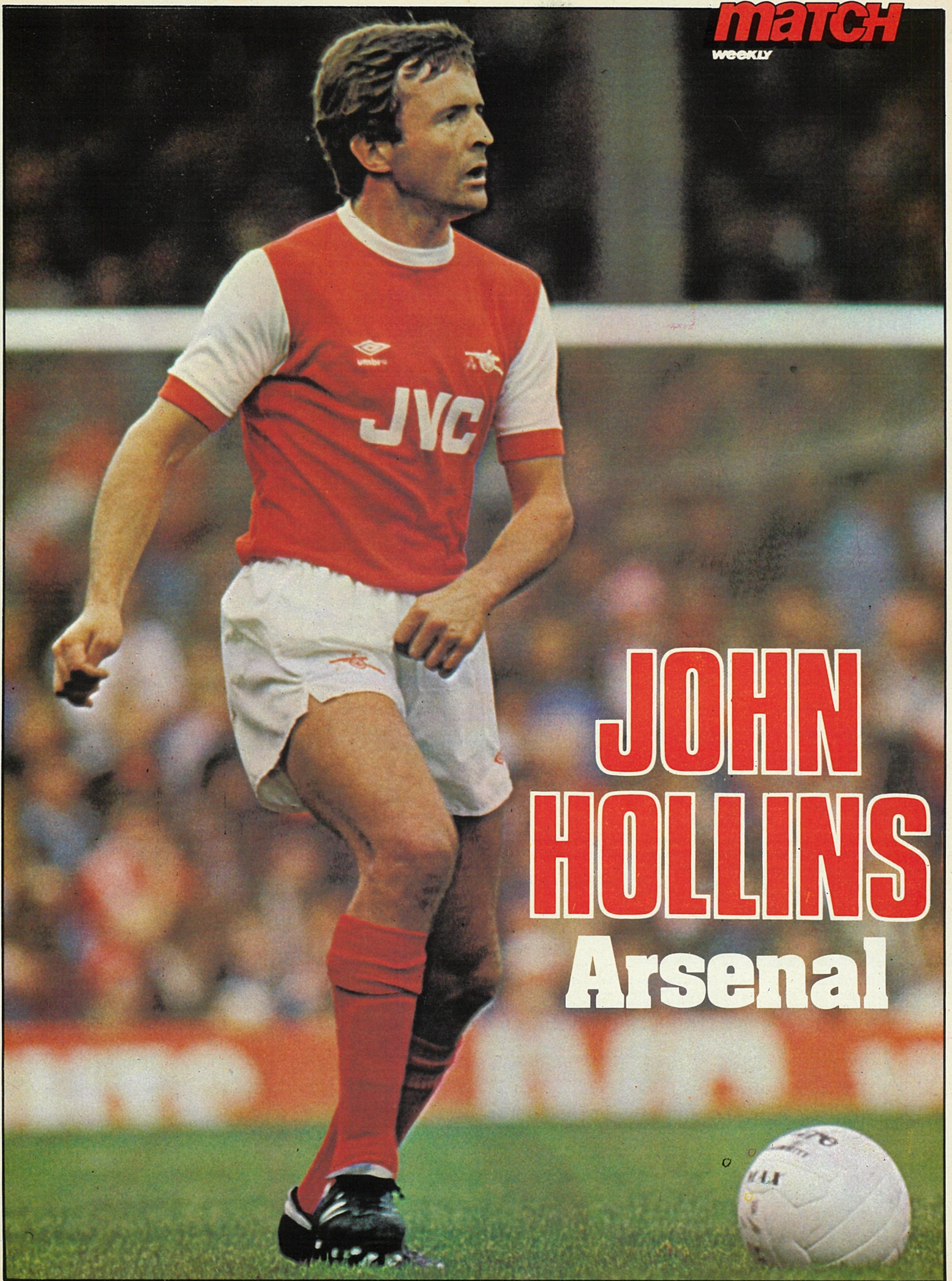
Now turn to the centre pages of this week's issue for a super colour poster of myself and my Ipswich team mates — just right for your bedroom wall!

See you in a fortnight . . .



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Stratton on Saturday

Watch Watson

HERE are Paul Stratton's selected matches for this Saturday, together with these of his special guest opponent.

There's a space for you to fill in your forecasts and a column for the actual result.

Award yourself two points for every score you get right and one point if you get the result right (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline wrong.

Carry your points total forward each week.

Ron!

ENGLAND manager Ron Greenwood could do worse than pay a visit to the Victoria Ground on Saturday.

There he could compare the old and the new in direct combat.

Stoke's clash with West Ham brings together Dave Watson and Alvin Martin — in my view the two main contenders for the centre-half job in Spain.

And if as I suspect, the England manager has still to make up his mind about who will wear that number five shirt in the World Cup Finals, Saturday's clash could take on a whole new meaning for the opposing defenders.

Until Stoke rescued Dave Watson from Southampton reserves his international career looked washed-up.

Now he's back in First Division action again he has the chance to play his way back into the reckoning.

And it would certainly help his cause if he could upstage the young pretender to his throne by keeping the West Ham strike force at bay on Saturday.

I believe he can and I'm going for a Stoke victory . . . 2-1!

On the subject of goals, it's the lack of them that must be worrying Middlesbrough, who up to last week had the worst goalscoring record of anyone in the First Division with just ten in League matches.

I can see little joy for them at Birmingham on Saturday either and I'm going for a 2-0 home win.

Brighton this season are the First Division's draw specialists having recorded ten in the League up to last week.

And a draw looks a good bet when Everton visit the Goldstone Ground on Saturday.

I've predicted possible scorelines for ten of Saturday's matches and the challenge is beat me if you can.

My special guest opponent this week is Match reader Wayne Pitman (14) of Bere Regis, Dorset, and you can see his predictions alongside mine in the special panel.

Points are awarded according to how accurate the forecasts are and if Wayne manages to score more points than me he wins £5!

If you would like the chance to see your forecasts in print — like Wayne — just write in, enclosing your name, age, address, home telephone number and a black and white photograph of yourself.

Write to: 'Stratton on Saturday', Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough.

Pictured right is my special guest opponent this week — Wayne Pitman. Wayne's a Bournemouth fan and his favourite player is Kenny Allen.



BEAT PAUL'S PREDICTIONS

MATCH Saturday Feb. 6	MY FORECAST	GUESTS FORECAST	YOUR FORECAST	RESULT
Birmingham v M'boro	2-0	2-1		
Brighton v Everton	1-1	1-1		
Stoke v West Ham	2-1	1-2		
Orient v Blackburn	1-2	0-2		
Sheff. Wed. v Luton	2-2	1-2		
Southend v Carlisle	1-0	2-1		
Wimbledon v Hudd'sfld	0-1	1-2		
Scunthorpe v Torquay	2-0	0-1		
York v Bradford	1-3	1-3		
Rangers v Airdrie	3-0	2-1		

WHO WON THIS WEEK?

POINTS SCORED

PAUL _____

YOURSELF _____

Aggregate scores carried forward to next week

PAUL _____

YOURSELF _____

FIXTURES

Friday, Feb. 5

DIVISION FOUR

Crewe v Blackpool

Saturday, Feb. 6

DIVISION ONE

Birmingham v M'boro

Brighton v Everton

Leeds v Coventry

Liverpool v Ipswich

Man. Utd. v Aston Villa

Notts Co. v Swansea

So'ton v Man. City

Stoke v West Ham

Sunderland v Arsenal

Spurs v Wolves

W.B.A. v Nott'm Forest

DIVISION TWO

Bolton v Barnsley

Cambridge v Newcastle

Cardiff v Rotherham

Charlton v C. Palace

Leicester v Derby

Norwich v Wrexham

Orient v Blackburn

Q.P.R. v Grimsby

Sheff. Wed. v Luton

Shrewsbury v Oldham

Watford v Chelsea

DIVISION THREE

Brentford v Portsm'th

Bristol C. v Fulham

Burnley v Bristol R.

Chester v Gillingham

Chesterfield v Walsall

Exeter v Doncaster

Lincoln v Plymouth

Oxford v Newport

Preston v Swindon

Reading v Millwall

Southend v Carlisle

Wimbledon v Hudd'sfld

DIVISION FOUR

Colchester v Sheff. U.

Darlington v Bourn'mth

Halifax v Aldershot

Hereford v Tranmere

Hull v Northampton

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen v Morton

Dundee v Celtic

Hibernian v Dundee U.

Partick v St Mirren

Rangers v Airdrie

FIRST DIVISION

Ayr v Clydebank

Dumbarton v Falkirk

E. Stirling v Hearts

Motherwell v Q. of Sth.

Queen's Pk. v Hamilton

Raith v Kilmarnock

St Johnstone v Dunf'line

SECOND DIVISION

Albion R. v Clyde

Berwick v Arbroath

Brechin v Alloa

East Fife v Montrose

Forfar v Cowdenbeath

Meadowbank v Sten'h'muir

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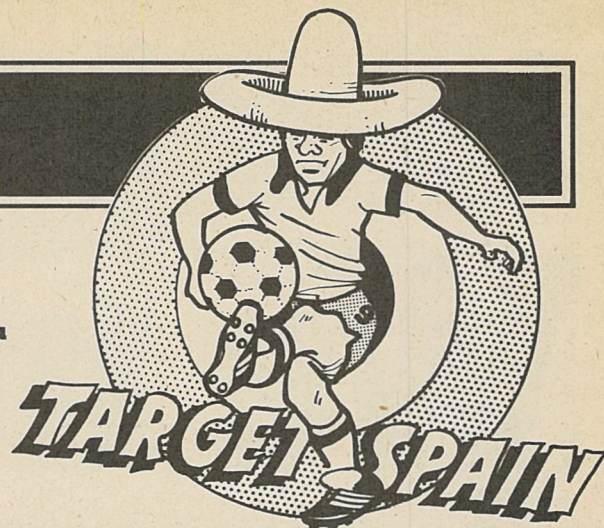
NO5 Jim Blyth

THIS week our 'Target Spain' spotlight is trained on Coventry goalkeeper Jim Blyth, who is hoping to regain his place in Scotland's World Cup squad after a 16-month absence.

It's part five of our fascinating series on the stars bidding for a

place in this summer's sunshine showdown in Spain.

Each week, Match will bring you a special article on one of the players knocking on the door of the England, Scotland and Northern Ireland World Cup squads.



JUST a few months ago, the chance of Coventry goalkeeper Jim Blyth regaining his place in the Scotland squad was about as remote as snow in a desert.

Having missed virtually the whole of last season through injury and the subsequent form of his deputy, Les Sealey, he had no reason to even hope for being considered for World Cup duty in Spain.

His absence from the First Division cost him his place as Scotland's number two 'keeper, the position he held when the Scots opened their successful World Cup qualifying campaign in Sweden back in September 1980.

Since then, St Mirren's Billy Thomson has been promoted to cover Partick's Alan Rough, but big Jim, one of the three 'keepers in Argentina four years ago, believes he's ready for a recall.

He was reinstated in the Coventry side at the start of the season by new manager Dave Sexton, and the twice-capped 'keeper feels he's playing better than ever.

Confidence

"I feel I am playing better now than when I was selected for the World Cup Finals in Argentina," says Jim, whose caps came against Bulgaria and Wales in 1978.

"I couldn't expect to be considered for the squad last season when playing in the reserves, but now I believe I'm good enough to get another chance.

"I have always had confidence in my ability and I'm not really surprised that I have regained my form so quickly after almost a whole season out of the first team.

"I was playing well when Jock Stein selected me for the Sweden match 16 months ago, and I hope his memories of me are still fond ones.

"I'm hoping that he will come and watch me before selecting his squads and, if that happens, I just hope I can play well.

"At the moment, I feel I am playing pretty consistently,

BIG JIM'S READY FOR A RECALL

Right: Big Jim Blyth — "I believe I'm good enough to get another chance for Scotland."

and I hope that my experience of going to Argentina will count in my favour.

"I'm the only regular Scottish 'keeper in the First Division, so the main threats to my hopes of being recalled come from north of the border.

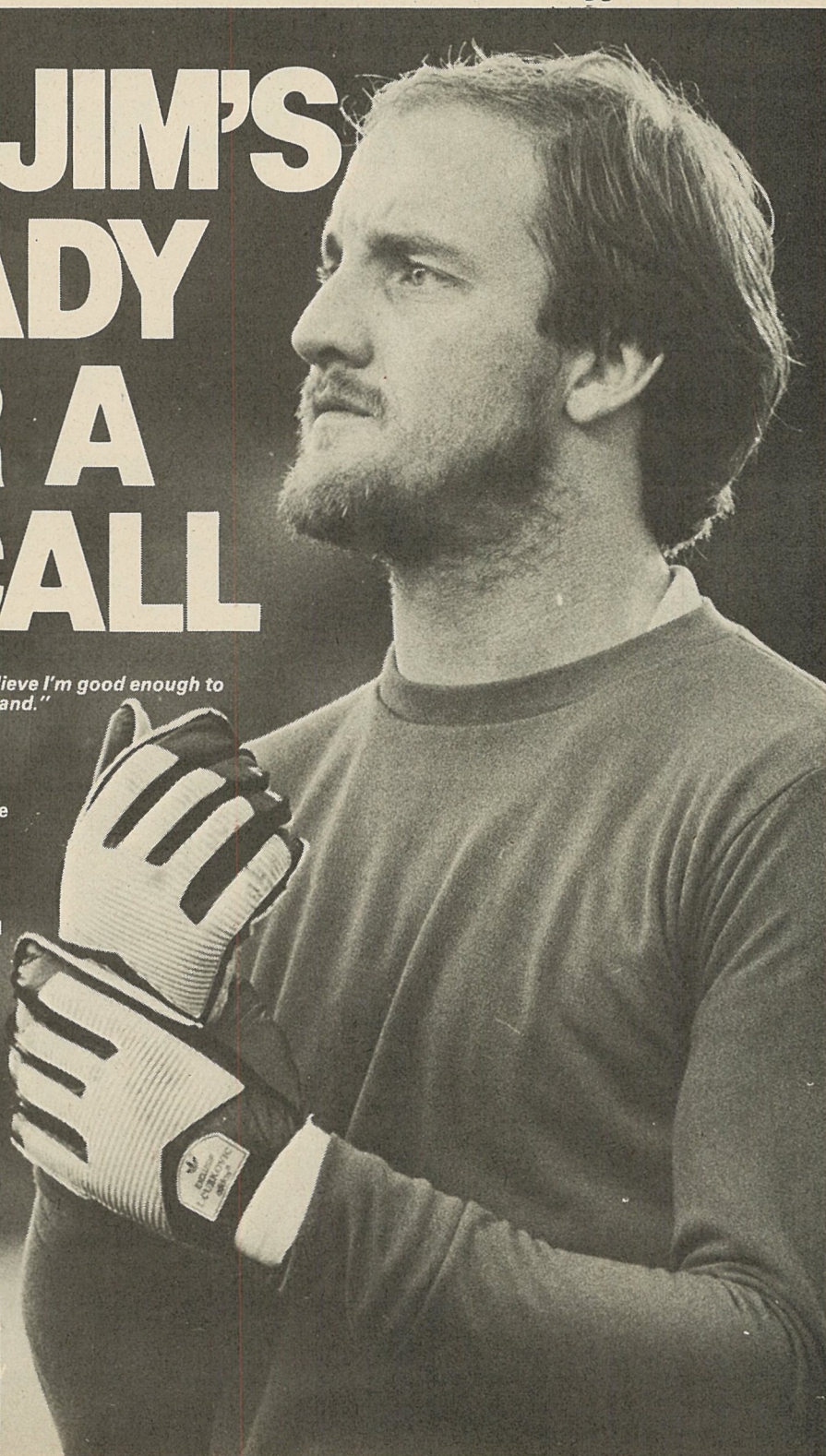
"Billy Thomson is the current number two, yet he was publicly criticised by the manager after the defeat in Portugal.

"Rangers' Jim Stewart is also among the candidates but he has been out of the first team this season, while Aberdeen's Jim Leighton is another who was threatened with the axe early on.

"I just hope I can keep playing well enough to convince Mr Stein that I should be one of the three 'keepers in Spain."

"And the longer Coventry stay in the Cup the better.

Our win at Manchester City in the Fourth Round would have done my Scotland ambitions no harm at all."



Reporter Anthony Hawksell talks to Wolves' Kenny Hibbitt about his return from injury to a side once more facing a fight against relegation. And the midfield star declares . . .

We must improve!

"Our goal scoring record is PATHETIC"

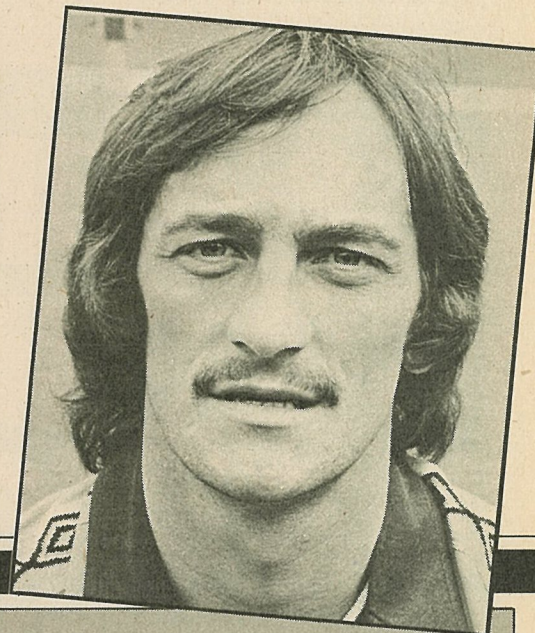
WOLVES midfield star Kenny Hibbitt brands his own team's goalscoring record this season as 'pathetic'.

The managerless Midlands club are once again facing a battle against relegation and had only scored 13 goals after 19 First Division matches.

"That's not good enough with the quality players we've got at Molineux," says Kenny.

"Our goals record is pathetic. It's incredible to think that our leading scorer after 19 matches was Mel Eves with just three goals. We've got to improve on it."

Wolves lack of firepower has seen them



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slip to fourth from bottom of the First Division and Kenny says: "It's a position we've been in two or three times before."

"I just hope that a new manager is appointed soon. The longer it's left the harder it will be for him."

"When John Barnwell took over in 1979 we were bottom of the table and looked 'certs' for relegation, but he managed to scrape us through."

"I was very disappointed when 'Barney' resigned because I liked the guy. But in football you can't afford to like a manager too much."

"Under Barnwell we won the League Cup and reached two FA Cup Semi-Finals. Many clubs would love success like that."

"He has left the club in good shape and we are better equipped to fight our way out of trouble."

QUALITY

"But having said that I still believe we need two or three more quality players to strengthen the squad. We got one at the beginning of the season in defender Joe Gallagher from Birmingham."

"It hasn't worked yet for our other close season signing Alan Birch, but I've always been impressed with him when I've seen him play."

"I believe he could score a lot of goals for us as well as sling in some good crosses for strikers John Richards and Andy Gray."

Kenny has rejoined Wolves battle for First Division survival after a three month lay-off following a cartilage operation.

"It's been very frustrating watching the



Former Wolves boss John Barnwell who resigned from the club last month: "Many clubs would love the success he brought Wolves," says Kenny Hibbitt.

lads from the stands, but now I'm fully fit and raring to go."

And Kenny will be hoping to impress the new Wolves boss when he's appointed because his contract runs out in July.

"The arrival of a new manager is a worrying time for players," he admitted: "Especially if you're around the 30 mark like myself."

"You worry whether the new man rates you and if you still have a future at the club. I'll be sorting my future out as soon as possible with the new boss."

"John Barnwell and I were very close to

an agreement and although nothing was signed I love the club and don't want to move," said Kenny who was signed 14 seasons ago from Bradford Park Avenue.

"I'm 31, but I feel I've still got at least three years of First Division football left in me. If I keep myself fit and avoid injuries there's no reason why I can't go on longer."

"Players like John Hollins of Arsenal and Southampton's Alan Ball are inspirations to me. They're still turning it on in the top flight and they're both over 35."

But Kenny believes that the quality of the First Division has gone down in recent years.

He says: "It's the weakest First Division I've ever played in. The quality isn't there. There aren't enough goalscoring chances being created."

FEAR

"Managers and coaches are obsessed with not conceding goals. Fear has crept into the game and there's too much negative thinking. Players with flair aren't being encouraged to use it."

It's a ridiculous situation when players with the ability of Charlie George have to go to Hong Kong and Glenn Hoddle — our most gifted midfielder — can't get a regular place in the national side."

But Kenny does see a light at the end of the tunnel. "Managers like Bobby Robson and Keith Burkinshaw have shown that teams with flair can win things."

"And at Coventry Dave Sexton is doing a great job by blending youth and experience into an attacking team. I hope other clubs follow their examples."

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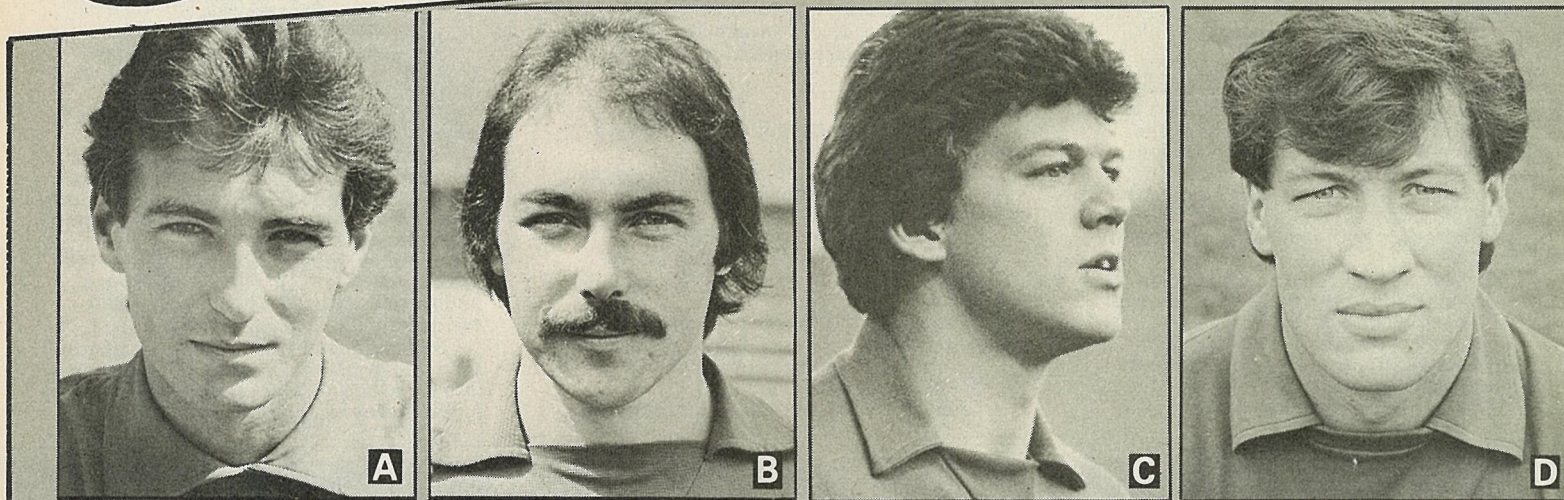
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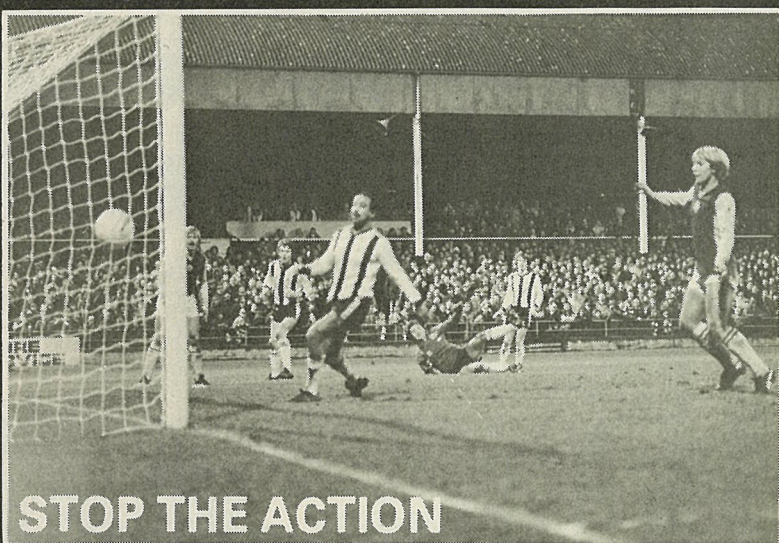
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PICTURED above are four top Second Division goalkeepers. Can you name them and the clubs they play for?



STOP THE ACTION

NOTTS County defender Pedro Richards can only watch in despair as the ball rockets off his chest and into his own net in a meeting with Aston Villa this season.

What do you remember of that Cup meeting?

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- 2 What round of the FA Cup was it?
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Our team reads:

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Dzemail Hadziabdic
Steve Hetzke
Einar Aas
Peter Hormantschuk
Drazen Muzinic
Anton Otulakowski
Ante Mirocevic
Tarki Micallef
Heine Otto
Andrew Kowalski

MATCH 'EM UP

CAN you match the following Fourth Division clubs with their correct grounds?

A Feethams Ground	1 Mansfield
B Victoria Ground	2 Northampton
C County Ground	3 Darlington
D Boothferry Park	4 Hartlepool
E Field Mill Ground	5 Hull

SOLUTIONS

MATCH 'EM UP: A-3; B-4; C-2; D-5; E-1.
(Middlebrough), Kowalski (Sheff. Wed), Micallef (Cardiff), Otto (Reading), Aas (Forest), Hormantschuk (Coventry), Muzinic (Norwich), Otulakowski (Southend), Niedzwiecki (Wrexham), Hadziabdic (Swansea), Hetzke (town goal), Gary Shaw, and Gordon Cowans (penalty).
STOP THE ACTION: The FA Cup Third Round tie was played at Meadow Lane and Villa beat Notts County 6-0 with goals from David Geddis (three), Pedro Richards (own goal), Gary Shaw (Aston Villa).
SPOT THE STRIKER: Gary Shaw (Aston Villa).
C — Bob Bolder (Sheff Wed Wednesday); D — Jim McDonagh (Bolton).
KEEPER'S CORNER: A — Mervyn Day (Orient); B — Mark Wallington (Leicester);

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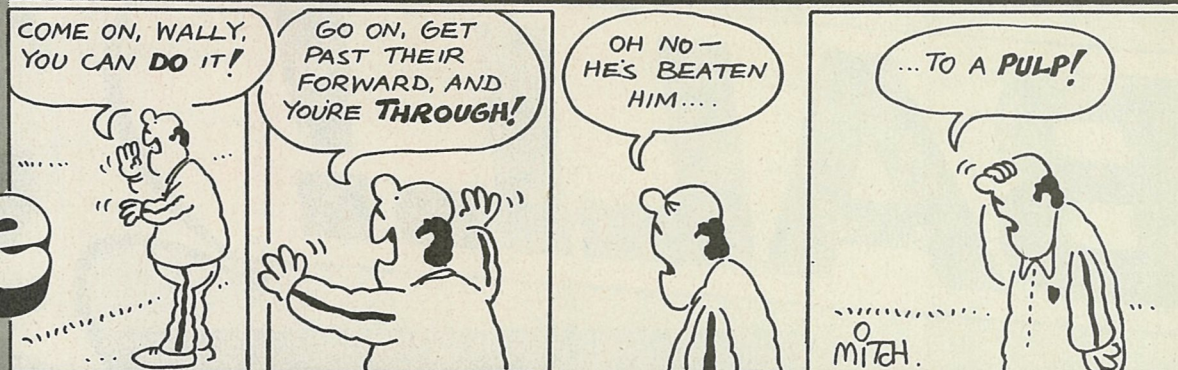
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I was playing for 'Saints' towards the end of the 1979-80 season when Blackpool offered me the job of player-manager. I was glad to accept because I've always wanted to stay in the game when I retired from playing.

But before I could take up my new duties at Bloomfield Road I was contracted to play for Vancouver Whitecaps in the North American Soccer League.

It's crazy — but true — that when I agreed to join Blackpool I had three employers — Southampton, Vancouver and Blackpool!

'The Seaside' had narrowly missed relegation to the Fourth Division when I took over at the beginning of the 1980-81 season.

Despite that I joined Blackpool with very positive ideas. I was determined to get the club back on its feet and go some way to restoring the glory days.

But I wasn't given enough time. Eight months isn't long enough.

Former England midfielder and Southampton stalwart Alan Ball concludes his fascinating life story with his sacking as Blackpool's player-manager ... his return to The Dell ... and his hopes for the future.

You've got to stop the slide first before you can start building for the future.

I learned a lot of lessons in my short spell in charge at Bloomfield Road and I enjoyed every day.

The main lesson I learned was handling directors who don't know anything about the game. Being so passionate about the game, as I am, I found it hard to put my ideas across to them.

But I don't regret taking up the managerial challenge, and the experience hasn't put me off giving it another go.

I've got enough confidence in my own ability to know that I'm good enough to make the grade as a manager.

Being sacked was a disappointment to me, but within seven days of being dismissed by Blackpool I was back in the First Division with Southampton.

I rang Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy for advice on how best to go about getting compensation from Blackpool.

He told me what to do and then asked me if I was going out that night. I replied no and he said: "Good, I'll be in touch later. I've got a proposition for you."

And, as promised, he rang me later that evening with an offer to return to The Dell as a player.

There were a few other clubs rumoured to be interested, but I had no hesitation in returning to Southampton. Lawrie and I have a been great working relationship and are very good friends. I was delighted to be going back.

And it was as if I'd never been away. Going back to The Dell was like returning to the first team after a lengthy injury.

I made my return in our 1-0 win over Manchester United, with Kevin Keegan scoring the winner.

Last season I played the last ten games and helped Southampton



reach their highest position ever in the First Division.

Lawrie has once again blended a team that's got the right mixture of youth and experience. There are old heads like myself, Kevin, Chris Nicholl and my former England team-mate Mike Channon, allied to the youth and promise of Steve Moran, Steve Williams and Graham Baker.

Lawrie's formula is a recipe for success and he's made us into one of the major forces in English football. No longer do we look at the fixture list and fear teams.

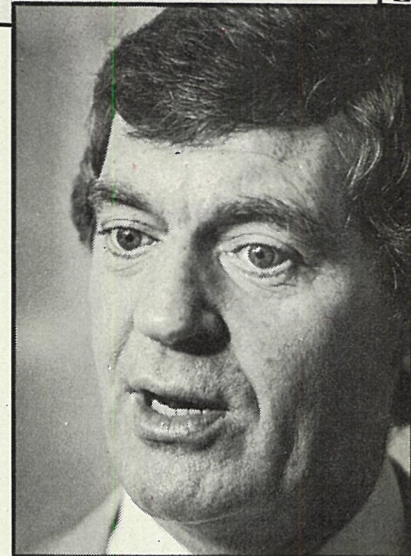
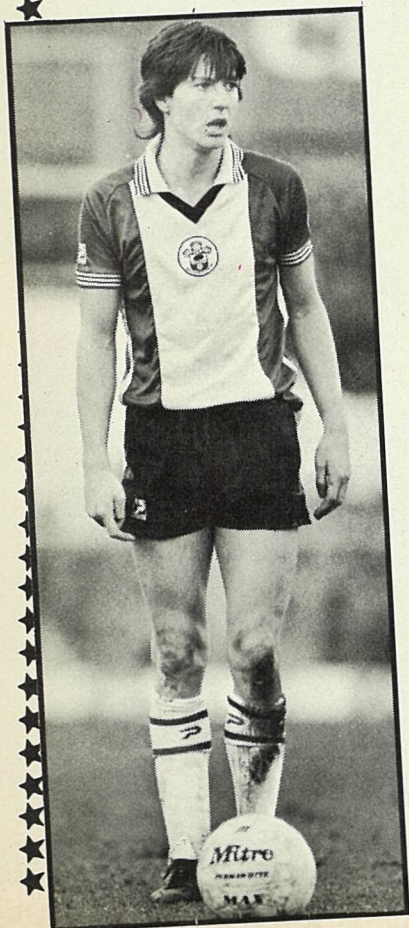
The team is going from strength to strength and I want to be part of it. I've no plans to retire just yet.

The day I give up is the time when I realise that I'm not doing myself any favours by staying on. At the moment I'm as fit as ever ... and just as keen.

I'm still playing the same sort of game as I did when I made my debut for Blackpool. I may have been a lot quicker then but now I'm not making the mistakes I used to.

Football is all I know, so when it is time to retire from playing I want to stay in the game as a manager or a coach. But until then I'll be happy helping Southampton win something.

● Alan Ball was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.



Left: Steve Williams — one of the promising youngsters in a Southampton team with just the right blend.

Above: Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy — he's turned the club into one of English football's major forces.

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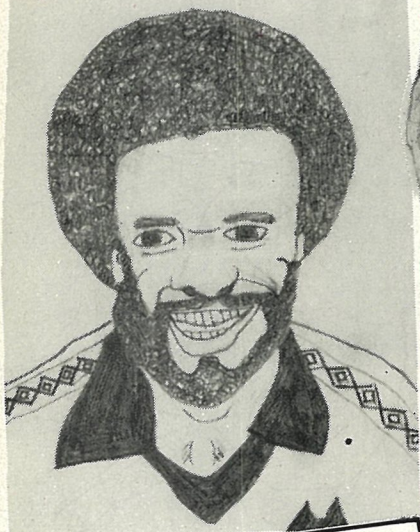
Left: Brighton's Steve Foster is: "The most consistent defender in the First Division", says David Edmonds of Exeter. "And Steve should be in Ron Greenwood's next England squad."



England should call on the Manchester City strike force of Kevin Reeves (right) and Trevor Francis for their World Cup bid in Spain. So says Nicolas Ford of North Tawton, Devon.

Below right: "Destined for success" is the way Declan Kelly, of Bexleyheath, Kent, describes Arsenal's young midfielder Paul Davis.

Below: Darran Ball of Albrighton, near Wolverhampton, has drawn Wolves' George Berry because: "He's one of the few quality centre halves around."



STAR
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GIVE BRAZIL SOME CREDIT

ONE of the most under-rated strikers in the First Division is Ipswich's Alan Brazil (left).

He has been a tremendous servant to Ipswich over the years, always gives 100 per cent and links superbly with Eric Gates.

It's about time he was given more credit for the part he plays in Ipswich's success story.

Andrew Ferguson, Burton-upon-Trent, Staffordshire.



I FOUND this 'Golden Goof' in an old Sunday Times. If a player shows promise at 91, what age does he reach his peak? R Ward, Bournville, Birmingham.

games most cherished moment. Garland, a 91-year-old player of promise, thus broke a spell of five months without a goal.

The remainder of the game was

OUTRAGED!

PUT A LID ON IT!

I AM outraged by the way bad weather brings football to a standstill in this country, and I'm fed up with clubs moaning about the situation instead of doing something about it.

Clubs should fit a removable roof to their grounds. That way, the pitch would be completely protected from rain and snow.

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It may cost a lot, but it would be worth it.

Wendy Denning, Marple, Cheshire.

● MANY football clubs couldn't afford to put a roof over a hot-dog stall! You're sent off for believing in fairy tales.

FIDGETS!

I'M outraged about people who are in favour of all-seater stadiums.

When I was at Wembley last year for the FA Cup Final replay, I had a perfect seat but people kept jumping up and waving banners and they completely blocked my view!

Angela Waugh, Six Acres, London.

● SOME people are never happy. You're privileged to watch one of the most thrilling games of last season . . . and moan because the excitement causes fans to jump out of their seats. You're booked.

CHEW ON THAT . . .

I WAS outraged at John Bond's behaviour during Manchester City's home match with Stoke.

While Stoke boss Richie Barker was on the touchline encouraging his team, Bond just sat in the stand chewing gum, showing no emotion at all.

Football needs enthusiastic managers and that's why Bond will never be England's manager. Graham Vaughan, Druids Heath, Birmingham.

● SHOUTING from the touchline isn't a test of being a good manager. Alf Ramsey never showed a flicker of emotion . . . and he won a World Cup in 1966. You're booked.

SCOTTISH INJUSTICE

I'M outraged that England were seeded in this year's World Cup Finals.

They haven't actually qualified for the finals since 1962 and they were lucky to scrape through to Spain this time.

If any country should have been seeded, it was Scotland.

Their World Cup record speaks for itself.

Andrew Mitchell, East Calder, West Lothian, Scotland.

● SCOTLAND will deserve to be seeded when — like England — they win the World Cup. And that's as likely as Joe Jordan promoting toothpaste! You're booked.

CALL UP ALBISTON

SCOTLAND manager Jock Stein should call up Manchester United's left back Arthur Albiston when he names his squad for the World Cup Finals in Spain.

Now that Scotland have been drawn in a very tough group with Brazil and Russia, they will certainly need high class defenders ... and Albiston's performances for United this season show that he possesses the qualities that Scotland need.

Albiston is a hard defender to beat, has the knack of turning up in the right place at the right time and he can score the occasional goal.

He's just the man for Scotland. Abdul Mannan, Chorlton-on-Medlock, Manchester.

Left: Manchester United full back Arthur Albiston should be in Scotland's World Cup squad, says Abdul Mannan, from Manchester. He's also in Anna Esposito's 'ton-up' team.



TON-UP CLUB

ONLY the best get into my ton-up club — a team made up of English and Scottish League players whose names end in 'ton'. The team is:

Peter Shil-TON (Nottingham Forest), Chris Hugh-TON (Tottenham), Tommy Ca-TON (Manchester City), Arthur Albis-TON (Manchester United), Brian Hor-TON (Luton), Craig Johns-TON (Liverpool), Frank Worthing-TON (Birmingham), Frank Staple-TON (Manchester United), Bob Hat-TON (Sheffield United), Bobby Hous-TON (Kilmarnock), Peter Hamp-TON (Stoke). Anna Esposito, Tollington Road, London.

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Let's limit TV soccer

IS it any wonder attendances are tumbling? Who wants to go out in freezing weather to watch a game when TV highlights all the top matches?

It's about time the TV companies and the Football League got together to reduce the number of televised games.

BBC and ITV should be limited to two matches — only one from the First Division — for their weekend soccer programmes.

And the mid-week TV programmes should only be allowed to cover one match a month.

And if TV coverage affects a club's gate — some fans stay at home if they know their club will be playing 'on the box' — then the TV companies should pay for any unsold seats at the match.

Attendances will only increase if the amount of football on TV decreases. Andrew Saxton, Nottingham.

TOP HATTERS

WITH Luton Town storming away at the top of the Second Division, there's little chance of their rivals depriving the Hatters a place in the First Division next season.

Unless, that is, the Football League awards four points for a win to the rest of the division ... to give them a chance! John Carson, Farrington, Sunderland.



WORLD BEATERS!

THE best in the World — that's my team of foreign stars currently playing in the Football League. It is:

Ivan Katalinic (Southampton), Ivan Golac (Southampton), Einar Aas (Nottingham Forest), Pat Van den Hauwe (Birmingham), Ante Rajkovic (Swansea), Osvaldo Ardiles (Tottenham), Frans Thijssen (Ipswich), Arnold Muhren (Ipswich), Francois Van der Elst (West Ham), Mich D'Avray (Ipswich), Tony Van Mierlo (Birmingham). Sub: Heine Otto (Middlesbrough). Martin Costello, Stanley, Co Durham.

Stoke are selling their future . . .

IN RECENT seasons, Stoke have produced three top class youngsters ... Garth Crooks, Adrian Heath and Lee Chapman (right).

Crooks was sold to Tottenham, Heath has been sold to Everton and it will only be a matter of time before Chapman is put up for auction.

Stoke manager Richie Barker has said that Stoke do not deserve a great team with an average crowd of 12,000 but, as a loyal Stoke fan, I disagree.

If Stoke continue to sell off their stars, they will never attract bigger gates. Simon Howard, Stone, Staffordshire.



REPLACE THE PANEL

HOW do the Pools Panel manage to dream up some of their results?

Last month they said Arsenal would beat Liverpool, despite the fact that Liverpool had scored seven goals in their two previous games.

Liverpool would have won for sure ... and scored at least three goals past the Gunners defence.

My advice is to sack the present Pools Panel and replace them with people who can provide more realistic forecasts. Alan Goodgame, Kidlington, Oxford.

Luck of the English!

WHAT'S happened to the so-called 'luck of the Irish'?

The Republic just failed to qualify for the World Cup Finals after being drawn in the toughest group.

And now they have to face Holland again, as well as World Cup Finals hosts Spain, in the European Championship qualifiers.

Meanwhile England, who were given an easy group in Spain recently, find themselves up against the likes of Denmark, Luxembourg, Greece and Hungary — who they have beaten twice recently — in the European competition.

If the Republic had some of England's luck, then maybe we could win the World Cup! Hugh Cardiff, Dundrum, Dublin, Eire.

Sacking shocker

I WAS shocked to hear that Grimsby Town had sacked manager George Kerr.

George has been Grimsby's most successful post-war manager. He has turned what was a lowly Fourth Division club into a Second Division side with a strong following.

The week before George was sacked, Grimsby slammed Millwall 6-1 in the FA Cup!

His sacking can only harm Grimsby's chances of success in the future. Paul Murphy, Humberston, Grimsby.

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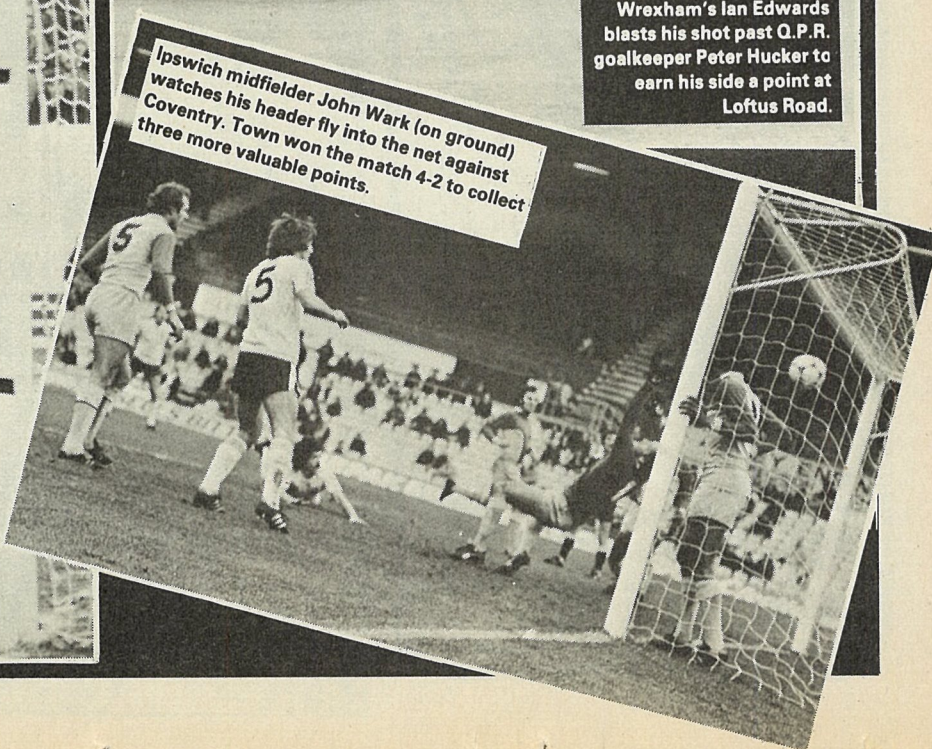
Gary Shaw runs in to score Aston Villa's second goal in their 6-0 drubbing of Notts County in the FA Cup Third Round. Goalkeeper Mike Leonard is helpless to stop the shot.



Sheffield Wednesday's Andy McCulloch rises to head the ball past Blackburn goalkeeper Terry Gennoe for his side's first goal in their 2-2 Second Division draw with Rovers at Hillsborough.



Wrexham's Ian Edwards blasts his shot past Q.P.R. goalkeeper Peter Hacker to earn his side a point at Loftus Road.



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But I can tell you that there's nothing wrong at Upton Park that a couple of good results won't put right.

There were still plenty of long faces some 48 hours after the 2-0 Cup defeat, but I could tell from the reaction of the players that they are determined to turn that disappointment into some success.

We've got to fight our way back up the League and show that we have plenty of fight in our hearts.

The next few weeks will be the acid test for us as we begin to wipe out the backlog of fixtures.

But if we can reproduce the form we showed earlier in the season, then I see no reason why we can't achieve a place in the top six and possible qualification for the UEFA Cup.

If we produce the right attitude then we might start making the luck that seems to have deserted us at the moment.

For instance, our defence was convinced that big Gerry Armstrong handled the ball before putting Watford ahead early in the second half of our FA Cup Fourth Round clash.

We never recovered from that goal and Watford deservedly went on to collect a place in the Fifth Round.

We are not complaining, but it just shows you how narrow the line is between success and failure.

I'm a great believer that you make your own luck in football and there have been times when I've scored goals which should have been disallowed.

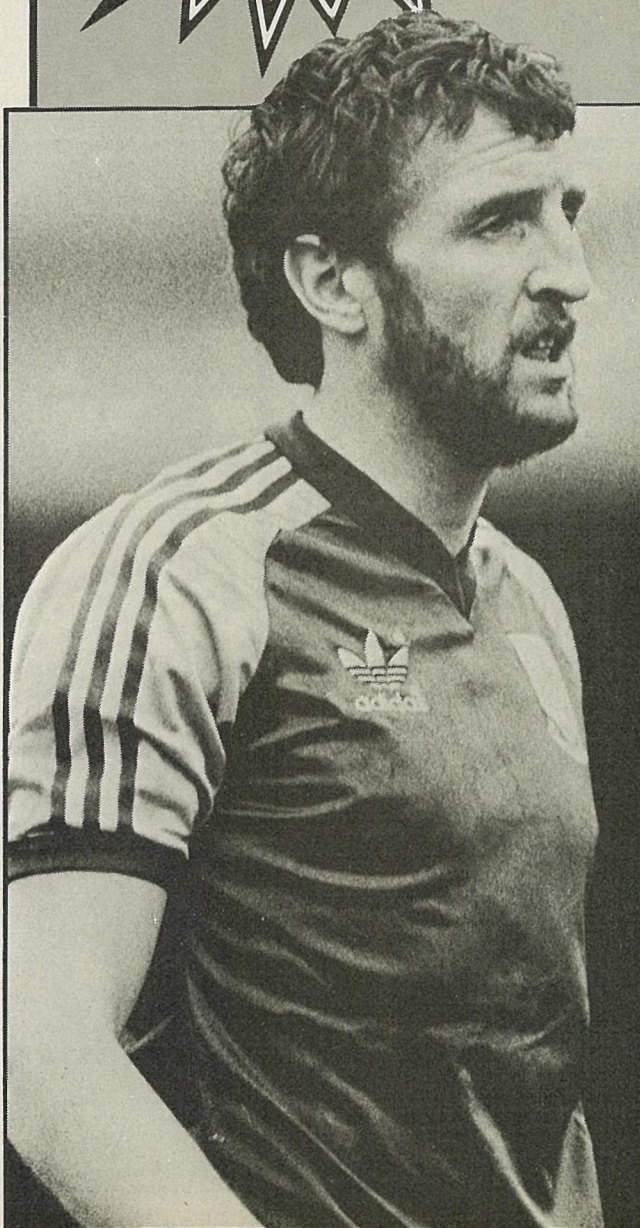
Having ridden the Watford storm in the first half, I felt reasonably confident at half-time that we would eventually run out winners.

But after that early goal, Watford looked all over the winners.

Had that goal been wiped out, then who knows what the outcome would have been.

I don't think Watford had to raise their game to knock us out. We played well below par and that assisted Graham Taylor's side in their performance.

They didn't produce anything different to what we expected.



HAMMERS BACK

says David Cross

They killed us off with a couple of high balls into the box that eventually fell at the feet of Armstrong and Nigel Callaghan.

We have played Watford enough times over the past two or three seasons to know what to expect, and we were also forewarned by their Third Round defeat of Manchester United.

But we just didn't cope with their physical, hard-running approach, and so we've got no complaints.

I was impressed with their two young wingers, John Barnes and Nigel Callaghan, and the big men, Gerry Armstrong and Ross Jenkins, always posed problems in the air.

We expected them to fight all the way, and the longer the game went on without a goal, the more they must have fancied their chances.

But it was a defeat that was difficult to swallow.

It left me completely empty over the weekend, more so than a League defeat because you have got to wait 12 months before getting another crack in the Cup.

I couldn't watch the television highlights over the weekend. I just couldn't face it again.

It was not the ideal match for Belgian international Francois Van der Elst to make his full debut in English football.

He showed touches of class on the right hand side of midfield, but it was very difficult for him having to make his first appearance in the heat of a Cup-tie after a spell in America.

We did not play very well around him and perhaps we looked to him to produce something special instead of providing him with plenty of support.

Having been knocked out of the Cup along with most sides in the First Division, I'm looking to teams like Liverpool, Ipswich and Tottenham to be homing in on Wembley.

Tottenham have been drawn at home again and, having won the Cup last season, their players have that special Wembley taste in their mouths.

But Ipswich and Liverpool produced very professional performances in beating Luton and Sunderland respectively and must be highly fancied.
● David Cross was talking to Melvyn Beck.

David Cross

WEST HAM WOE!

**Action replay of
Watford's disputed first
goal against West
Ham . . .**

1 The ball is headed into the danger zone by Nigel Callaghan (grounded) as Gerry Armstrong (8) rushes in to meet Phil Parkes' despairing dive.
2 Parkes manages to get a hand to the ball, but only succeeds in pushing it out to the waiting Armstrong.

3 Armstrong gets the vital touch and the ball is on its way into the West Ham net.

4 It's there! The ball squeezes inside the West Ham upright and Watford are 1-0 ahead.

5 Referee! West Ham defender Frank Lampard and goalkeeper Phil Parkes appeal for hand-ball, but the goal stands and Watford players celebrate.

● Pictures by Philip Bagnall.



EDDIE STILL GIVES DEFENDERS GRAY HAIRS!

MATCH TALKS TO ONE OF THE GAME'S MOST VERSATILE PLAYERS — NOW ENJOYING YET ANOTHER NEW ROLE ON THE PARK.

LEEDS veteran Eddie Gray is revelling in his new role of striker at an age when most players are thinking of retirement.

Eddie, who made his name as a tricky winger for Leeds and Scotland in the glorious trophy-winning early 70's at Elland Road, has turned stop-gap striker while his manager Allan Clarke searches for a proven goalscorer.

And the 34-year-old's presence up front has brought the best out of his striking partner Aidan Butterworth.

Aidan explained: "Eddie takes a lot of pressure off me and his experience has helped me tremendously. It's great to play alongside someone like him."

And Eddie himself admits: "I'm really enjoying the role although I know it won't last forever. It's no secret that the manager is looking for a striker.

"I've played up front before so I was pleased to help out when the manager asked me to give it a go," added Eddie, who's played more than 400 League games in 14 years at Elland Road.

"Obviously my experience has helped young Aidan, but he's impressed me enormously. He's very keen to do well."

'Play-anywhere' Eddie started the season as left-back, but moved into midfield for a spell before joining the Leeds attack.

"The position I prefer most is midfield although I'm happy to play anywhere," said Eddie, who was capped 12 times by Scotland.

The changes were enforced as Leeds tried desperately to halt the slide down the First Division after a poor start to the season.

"It was very disappointing for us but we only had ourselves to blame," said Eddie.

"But since the arrival of Kenny Burns from Nottingham Forest, things have picked up and we've climbed the table. Kenny has been a tremendous influence and has steadied the defence.

"Now I see no reason why we can't continue to climb the First Division and finish in the top six. All we've got to do is string a few wins together and we won't be far away.

"Success goes in cycles and you

Below: Eddie Gray stabs home Leeds' winner against Sunderland in the League earlier this season.

Versatile Leeds 'veteran' Eddie Gray — playing up front with Aidan Butterworth, who is 14 years his junior.

can't stay at the top all the time," said Eddie. "But I believe under Allan Clarke, Leeds' turn could be coming round again.

"The boss has made a lot of changes since he took charge but his attitude is right and he wants success. I'm sure he'll achieve it.

"I've had some marvellous years at Elland Road and have really enjoyed my time here — even when things weren't going well."

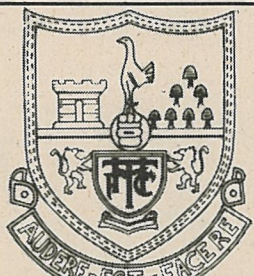
Eddie fancied Leeds to have a good run in the FA Cup this season, but holders Spurs put paid to that idea.

"It was very disappointing to go out of the Cup and Spurs will be one of the teams to beat yet again — especially if they keep getting home draws," he says.

Eddie is hoping that he can be part of the next Leeds team that picks up a major honour.

"I've still got one and a half years of my contract to run. I'll see that through and then take it from there," he added.

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Kuwait can give England the sheiks

ENGLAND have received a warning about World Cup opponents Kuwait from Walsall manager Neil Martin.

The former Nottingham Forest forward spent three years in the oil-rich state with Dave Mackay at the El Arabi Sporting Club.

"They have three or four players of First Division calibre and could spring a few surprises," says Neil who joined Walsall this season.

"England should beat them but they must do their homework."

Apparently Dave Mackay, who is still in Kuwait, has been threatened with the sack if he sends any information back home to England.

But Neil is prepared to offer England manager Ron Greenwood any help in preparing a dossier on the unknowns from the Middle East.

Release Bertoni asks Menotti

CESAR Luis Menotti, manager of World Cup holders Argentina, has made an official application to Italian club Florence for the release of striker Daniel Bertoni for the Finals.

This suggests that the man who scored Argentina's third goal in their 1978 victory over Holland, will be among the final 22 for Spain despite his inconsistent form in Europe.

Meanwhile, Menotti has confirmed that he will be quitting as manager after the Finals.



YOUR WORLD CUP DATES

GROUP ONE

June 14 — Italy v Poland (Vigo 4.15 British time)
June 15 — Peru v Cameroon (Coruna 4.15)
June 18 — Italy v Peru (Vigo 4.15)
June 19 — Poland v Cameroon (Coruna 4.15)
June 22 — Peru v Poland (Coruna 4.15)
June 23 — Italy v Cameroon (Vigo 4.15)

GROUP TWO

June 16 — West Germany v Algeria (Gijon 4.15)
June 17 — Chile v Austria (Oviedo 4.15)
June 20 — West Germany v Chile (Gijon 4.15)
June 21 — Algeria v Austria (Oviedo 4.15)
June 24 — Algeria v Chile (Oviedo 4.15)
June 25 — West Germany v Austria (Gijon 4.15)

GROUP THREE

June 13 — Argentina v Belgium (Barcelona 7.0)
June 15 — Hungary v El Salvador (Elche 8.0)
June 18 — Argentina v Hungary (Alicante 8.0)
June 19 — Belgium v El Salvador (Elche 8.0)
June 22 — Belgium v Hungary (Elche 8.0)
June 23 — Argentina v El Salvador (Alicante 8.0)

GROUP FOUR

June 16 — England v France (Bilbao 4.15)
June 17 — Czechs v Kuwait (Valladolid 4.15)
June 20 — England v Czechs (Bilbao 4.15)
June 21 — France v Kuwait (Valladolid 4.15)
June 24 — France v Czechs (Valladolid 4.15)
June 25 — England v Kuwait (Bilbao 4.15)

GROUP FIVE

June 16 — Spain v Honduras (Valencia 8.0)
June 17 — Yugoslavia v N. Ireland (Zaragoza 8.0)
June 20 — Spain v Yugoslavia (Valencia 8.0)
June 21 — Honduras v N. Ireland (Zaragoza 8.0)
June 24 — Honduras v Yugoslavia (Zaragoza 8.0)
June 25 — Spain v N. Ireland (Valencia 8.0)

GROUP SIX

June 14 — Brazil v Russia (Seville 8.0)
June 15 — Scotland v New Zealand (Malaga 8.0)
June 18 — Brazil v Scotland (Seville 8.0)
June 19 — Russia v New Zealand (Malaga 8.0)
June 22 — Russia v Scotland (Malaga 8.0)
June 23 — Brazil v New Zealand (Seville 8.0)

SECOND ROUND

GROUP A (Barcelona)

Winners of Groups 1 and 3, runners-up of Group 6.

GROUP B (Madrid)

Winners of Groups 2 and 4, runners-up of Group 5.

GROUP C (Barcelona)

Winner of Group 6 and runners-up of Groups 1 and 3.

GROUP D (Madrid)

Winner of Group 5 and runners-up of Groups 2 and 4.

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WALLACE'S WALLOP!



GOLDEN GOAL

**Ian Wallace (Nott'm Forest)
v Birmingham,
Division One,
City Ground, Sat, Jan 9, 1982.**

IAN Wallace, Nottingham Forest's £1 million striker, would hardly put his 69th minute goal against Birmingham in his top drawer of golden memories.

He was simply executing his job, being in the right place at the right time to provide the conclusive touch from close range.

But the design of the move which led to what proved to be Forest's winner in the 2-1 home defeat of Midlands rivals Birmingham was certainly one to savour.

It was England Under 21 international Mark Proctor who orchestrated the build-up with intelligent movement

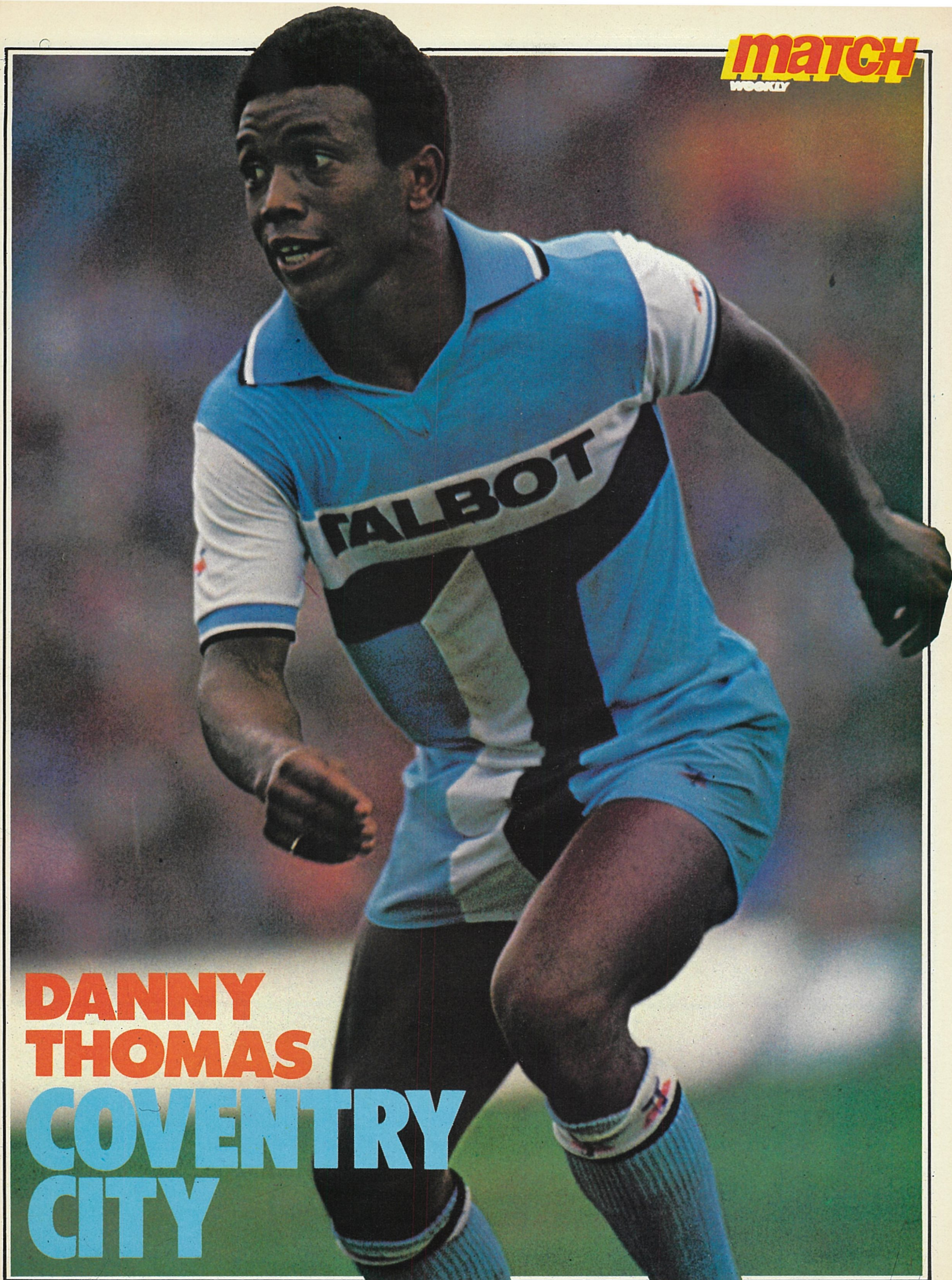
off the ball and a deadly low cross to shatter the Birmingham cover.

The former Middlesbrough midfielder player linked up with full-back Viv Anderson on the right touch line after collecting the ball from John Robertson.

As Archie Gemmill and Bud Brocken attempted to close down space, Mark continued his run down the right to accept Viv's return pass, and his whipped cross left goalkeeper Tony Coton stranded.

Wallace timed his run perfectly to tuck the cross home, with Colin Todd in his wake.





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SOUTHEND'S BEST IS YET TO COME!



DEREK Spence, Southend's Northern Ireland striker, is quite adamant when he says: "If we had been in the Third Division last season we would have been running away with it now."

As it was, Southend were climbing back to Division Three at the first attempt, eventually finishing the campaign with the most points in the country, 67, and no fewer than 79 goals.

Now the Fourth Division champions are poised on the brink of the promotion battle, and, according to their record buy, they've not yet rediscovered last season's form.

"If we could produce last season's form consistently then we can only get better," is the optimistic forecast from the former Blackpool and Bury forward whose two-fold dream this season is promotion and a place in Northern Ireland's World Cup squad.

"We are sitting pretty at the moment, just outside the promotion battle and without the pressure of being at the top waiting to be knocked off.

"But we are still near enough to be in close touch with the promotion race and, if we can hit last season's form, then we must be optimistic about our promotion chances.

"I think we have surprised ourselves a little by more than holding our own, but we haven't seen anything to frighten us.

"Obviously it is harder in the

Third Division and there are better teams, but we are a footballing side and the higher we go, the better we play."

Southend have yet to taste life in the Second Division in their 76-year history, but £100,000

Derek speaks from experience with Blackpool when he declares: "There's no doubt we would do pretty well because there is more opportunity to play football and that suits us.

"And it would be great for the club if we could get them there this season for the first time.

"My contract expires at the end of the season and it would be nice to think that if I did leave then I would leave them in the Second Division after joining them three years ago when they were bottom of the third."

But after being Southend's top scorer last season with 21 goals, Derek has struggled to find the net this time, culminating in him being dropped for the January 23 clash with Walsall.

When manager Dave Smith wielded the axe, Derek had managed only two goals, one in the League and one in the Cup.

But, despite this setback in what is an important season for the Irishman with Spain just around the corner, he still feels he has more than made his contribution to the team's success.

"Last season, every chance seemed to fall to me in the penalty area, but this time it's the turn of Terry Gray and Keith Mercer to get them.

"But I like to think that I am playing my part in laying on the chances.

"I would be more worried about my lack of goals if I wasn't playing well in other aspects.

"If Kenny Dalglish can go about a year at Liverpool without a League goal, then I'm sure Derek Spence can go a few months without one at Southend.

"If, at the end of the season, I've played my part in helping Southend into the Second Division for the first time, then it doesn't matter whether I've scored twenty goals or not.

"I've always scored goals and maybe selection for the Irish squad against England later this month would give me the boost I probably need."

His goal famine could not have arrived at a worse time.

He was forced to withdraw from Ireland's squad against Scotland in October because of an eye injury, and he was not fully recovered for the game against Israel which finally clinched Ireland's ticket to Spain.

"I've been a regular member of the Irish squad for a number of years, and I hope that Mr Bingham retains faith in me when he chooses his squad for Spain," says Derek whose last full appearance was against Eire in 1980.

"There is a long way to go before the Finals in June and hopefully plenty of time for me to convince the manager of my form."

KING'S NEW REALM

FORMER Derby and Walsall midfielder player Jeff King didn't have to take his boots very far when he left Sheffield Wednesday for a month's loan.

He simply moved across the Yorkshire city to Fourth Division United to help their bid to regain their Division Three status at the first attempt.

Focus on Divisions Three and Four with Melvyn Beck

ROVERS BLOW

DONCASTER Rovers have been hit by another training tragedy.

Young defender Carl Swan, son of former England player Peter, has joined striker Ian Nimmo on the casualty list with a broken leg after a training accident.

BRUCE'S BRIGHTENER

ALEX Bruce gave former Everton manager Gordon Lee a winning start in his first home match in charge of Preston.

Gordon waited six weeks for his home debut, and Alex came up trumps to inflict Plymouth's first defeat in eleven matches.

Mansfield do it again

THEY say that lightning doesn't strike twice, but ask Fourth-Division

promotion-chasing Bradford City. Earlier in the season they went down 4-3 at home to Mansfield in a League Cup tie, but won the return at Field Mill to reach the second round.

And Mansfield duly repeated the 4-3 dose again recently in a Fourth Division clash at Valley Parade, much to the consternation of City coach Mick Jones who was in charge of Mansfield last season.

Match Facts..... Match Facts..... Match Facts.....

Sunday, Jan. 24

SCOTTISH Scottish Cup, Second Round

INVERNESS CALEY (1) 1 (Urquhart 7)
BRECHIN (2) 3 (Campbell 32, 34, Leslie 74)
Att: 2,000

Scottish Cup, Third Round

PARTICK (1) 1 (Johnstone 44)
DUMBARTON (2) 2 (Coyle 5, Donnelly 32)
Att: 4,000

Monday, Jan. 25

Division Four

PORT VALE (0) 0
TRANMERE (0) 0
Att: 4,355
Port Vale: Harrison 7, Tarrt 7, Sproson 6,
Bowles 6, Bromage 6, Deakin 6 (sub.
Shankland), Hunter 7, Armstrong 6,
Chamberlain, N 7, Moss 6, ★CHAMBERLAIN,
M 8.
Tranmere: Endersby 7, Mungall 6, Parry 6,
Bramhall 7, Burgess 6, Hutchinson 7, Hamilton
7, Williams 6, ★KERR 8, Brown 6, Craven 6
(sub. Griffiths).
Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ★★

STOCKPORT (0) 0
HARTLEPOOL (1) 2 (Bird 9, Brown 74)
Att: 1,924
Stockport: Lloyd 7, Rutter 7, Sherlock 7,
Fowler 8, Thorpe 6, Vaughan 6, Williams 7,
Power 7, ★COYLE 9, Park 6, Smith 6.
Hartlepool: Burleigh 7, Sweeney 7, Linacre, P
6, Brown 8, Bird 8, Fagan 6, Linacre, J 7, Hogan
7, Newton 7, ★HOUGHEN 9, Staff 6.
Referee: F. Roberts (Prestatyn)
Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH Scottish Cup, First Round, Replays

COWDENBEATH (2) 6 (Forrest 4, 46, pen 50,
Park 26, Steele 58, Marshall 85)
CIVIL SERVICE STROLLERS (0) 1 (Ashton
77)
Att: 210

INVERNESS CLACH (0) 3 (Cowie 87, 96,
Davidson 116)
FRASERBURGH (0) 2 (Robertson 63, Oxley
102)
After Extra Time
Att: 200

ELGIN (0) 0
MONTROSE (0) 0
After Extra Time
Att: 300

Tuesday, Jan. 26

FA Cup, Fourth Round

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Austin 46)
ORIENT (1) 1 (Moore 39)
Att: 13,623
Huddersfield: Taylor 6, Brown 6, Burke 7,
Stanton 6, Sutton 7, Hanvey 6, Lillis 8, Kennedy
6, Fletcher 6, ★AUSTIN 9, Cowling 6 (sub.
Purdie).
Orient: Day 7, Foster 7, Fisher 6, Taylor 7,
★GRAY 8, Osgood 7, Godfrey 7, Margerrison
6, Moores 7, Silkman 7, Hallybone 6.
Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwin)
Match Rating: ★★

FA Cup, Fourth Round, Replays

WREXHAM (0) 1 (McNeil 66)
CHELSEA (0) 1 (Mayes 83)
After Extra Time
Att: 8,655
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 7, ★JONES 8, Bater 7,
Downman 7, Cegielski 6, Ronson 6, Fox 6,
McNeil 7, Edwards 6, Vinter 7, Carrodus 7.
Chelsea: Francis 7, ★LOCKE 8, Hutchings 7,
Hales 6 (sub. Rhoades-Brown 7), Droy 7, Pates,
7, Mayes 7, Bumstead 6, Lee 6, Walker 6, Filley 7.
Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★

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- 8 — Excellent
- 7 — Good
- 6 — Adequate
- 5 — Off form
- 4 — Poor

Match ratings

- ★★★★★ A classic
- ★★★★ Good value
- ★★★ Satisfactory
- ★★ Dull
- ★ A waste of money

QPR (2) 5 (Allen 26, 54, 60, 77, Stainrod, pen 43)
BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Entwhistle 71)
Att: 11,712
QPR: Hucker 6, Fenwick 8, Gillard 7, Waddock 7, Howe 7, Roeder 7, ★ALLEN 9, Currie 6, Flanagan 7 (sub. Stewart 6), Stainrod 8, Gregory 8.
Blackpool: Hesford 6, Deary 5, Pashley 5, Blair 5, Wann 6, Hart 5, Morris 5, ★NOBLE 8, Bamber 5, Hockaday 6, Harrison 7 (sub. Entwhistle 6).
Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★

Division One

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0
LIVERPOOL (1) 4 (Whelan 39, Rush 66, 75, 84)
Att: 14,407
Notts County: Avramovic 7, Benjamin 6, O'Brien 5, Goodwin 7, Kilcline 5, ★RICHARDS 8, McParland 7, Masson 6, Christie 6 (sub. McCulloch 5), Hooks 6, Mair 7.
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 7, Neal 6, Lawrenson 6, Kennedy 6, Whelan 8, Hansen 7, Dalglish 7, Lee 8, ★RUSH 9, McDermott 7, Souness 8.
Referee: L. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
Match Rating: ★★

ARSENAL (0) 0
BRIGHTON (0) 0
Att: 17,299
Arsenal: Wood 6, Robson 5, Sansom 6, Talbot 4, ★HOLLINS 8, Whyte 7, McDermott 5, Sunderland 5, Davis 5 (sub. Meade), Nicholas 5, Rix 6.
Brighton: Moseley 6, Shanks 6, Nelson 6, Greallish 6, ★FOSTER 8, Gattling 6, Ryan 5 (sub. Stevens), Smith 5, Ritchie 6, McNab 5, Thomas 6.
Referee: B. Martin (Keyworth)
Match Rating: ★

BIRMINGHAM (1) 3 (Broadhurst 13, Evans 64, 75)
COVENTRY (2) 3 (Hunt 10, Hateley 33, Thompson 80)
Att: 13,023
Birmingham: Coton 6, Langan 5, ★GEMMILL 8, Dillon 6, Van den Hauwe 7, Todd 6, Van Mierlo 6, Evans 7, Worthington 6, Curbishley 6, Broadhurst 5.
Coventry: Blyth 6, Thomas 7, Barnes 6, Francis 7, Dyson 6, Gillespie 6, Bodak 5, Daly 6 (sub. Jacobs), Hateley 7, Thompson 7, ★HUNT 8.
Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

CAMBRIDGE (0) 0
CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0
Att: 3,505
Cambridge: Key 6, Donaldson 7, Murray 6, Smith 7, Fallon 6, O'Neill 6, Taylor 6, ★SPRIGGS 8, Finney 6 (sub. Mayo), Reilly 7, Gibbins 6.

Crystal Palace: Barron 6, Hinshelwood 6, Boulter 6, Murphy 6, ★WICKS 7, Cannon 6, Brooks 6, Smillie 6, Walsh 6 (sub. Galliers), Mabbutt 6, Hilaire 6.
Referee: K. Barratt (Coventry)
Match Rating: ★★

WATFORD (3) 6 (Armstrong 3, 14, Blissett 28, Bolton 48, Barnes 50, Callaghan 71)
DERBY (0) 1 (Emson 69)
Att: 12,643
Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice 6, Pritchett 7 (sub. Callaghan 7), Taylor 7, Terry 7, Bolton 7, Blissett 7, ★ARMSTRONG 8, Jenkins 7, Lohman 7, Barnes 7.
Derby: ★JONES 8, Emery 5, Buckley 5, Dalziel 5, Sheridan 5, Money 5, Hector 6, Powell, B 5, Hill 5, Swindlehurst 5, Richards 5 (sub. Emson 7).
Referee: T. Axcel (Southend)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

PETERBOROUGH (0) 0
HALIFAX (0) 0
Att: 3,016
Peterborough: Freeman 6, Butler 6, Collins 6, ★GYNN 8, Smith 6, Rodaway 6, Chard 5, Kellock 6, Cooke 5, Hodgson 5, Massey 5 (sub. Clarke 6).
Halifax: ★SMELT 8, Chamberlain 5, Whiteley 6, Evans 6, Ayre 7, Hendrie 6, Ward 5 (sub. Firth), Davison 6, Allatt 6, Spooner 7, Graham 6.
Referee: D. Civil (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★

SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 0
DARLINGTON (0) 0
Att: 11,517
Sheff Utd: ★WAUGH 8, Moore 6, Garner 7, Matthews 6, Houston 7, Kenworthy 6, Neville 7, Trusson 6, Edwards 6, Hatton 7, King 6.
Darlington: Cuff 7, ★KAMARA 8, Wilson 6, Smith 6, Skipper 7, Speedie 7, Stalker 7, McLean 6, Hawker 6, Hamilton 6, Walsh 6.
Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating: ★★

CREWE (0) 0
WIGAN (1) 1 (Methven 22)
Att: 3,874
Crewe: Mulhearn 6, Lewis 7, Bowers 7, Salathiel 6, ★SCOTT 8, Hanlon 6, Haslegrave 6, Callaghan 6, Gwyther 6, Chesters 5 (sub. Palios 6), Williams 7.
Wigan: Tunks 6, Glenn 6, Weston 6, Wright 7, Lloyd 7, ★METHVEN 8, Quinn 6, Barrow 6, Bradd 6, Houghton 7, Evans 7.
Referee: A. Hamil (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★

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SCOTTISH Scottish Cup, Second Round, Replay

BERWICK (0) 1 (McGlynn 70)
CLYDE (2) 3 (Marshall, og 14, Nevin 35, Reilly 82)
Att: 470

First Division

AYR (0) 1 (Christie 84)
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 0
Att: 1,500

Wednesday, Jan. 27

Division One

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 1 (Macari 74)
WEST HAM (0) 0
Att: 41,291
Man Utd: Bailey 6, Duxbury 7, Albiston 8, Wilkins 7, Moran 6, McQueen 6, Robson 6, Birtles 6, Stapleton 8, ★MACARI 9, Coppell 7.
West Ham: ★PARKES 8, Brush 6, Lampard 7 (sub. Goddard), Bonds 7, Martin 7, Orr 7, Van der Elst 7, Stewart 6, Cross 6, Brooking 6, Pike 6.
Referee: D. Callow (Solihull)
Match Rating: ★★

TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Crooks 27)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0
Att: 22,819
Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 7, Miller 6, Roberts 7, ★VILLA 8, Perryman 6, Ardiles 7, Falco 6, Galvin 7, Hoddle 7, Crooks 7.
Middlesbrough: Platt 7, ★CRAGGS 8, Bailey 6, Ross 6, Nattress 6, McAndrew 6, Cochrane 7, Otto 6, Hodgson 7, Shearer 6 (sub. MacDonald 6), Thomas 7.
Referee: M. James (Horsham)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

READING (2) 4 (Webb, pen 18, Dixon 20, 71, Donnellan 52)
BRENTFORD (1) 1 (Sweetzer 6)
Att: 3,481
Reading: Fearon 7, ★WILLIAMS 8, Lewis 7, Webb 6, Hicks 6, Barnes 7, Beavan 6, Hetzke 6, Dixon 7, Sanchez 7, Donnellan 6.
Brentford: McKellar 4, Harris 4, Tucker 4, McNichol 4, Kruse 4, Hurlock 5, Kamara 5, Booker 5, ★SWEETZER 6, Bowles 5, Walker 4 (sub. Tong 4).
Referee: M. Baker (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH Scottish Cup, Third Round

EAST STIRLING (1) 1 (Howitt 11)
HEARTS (3) 4 (MacDonald 7, Robertson 29, Marinello 43, Byrne 80)
Att: 3,000

Third Round, Replay

FORFAR (2) 3 (Clarke 22, Brash 28, Gallagher 71)
HAMILTON (1) 2 (Fairlie 45, Howie 68)
Att: 470

CUT OUT AND KEEP

Friday, Jan. 29

Division Three

DONCASTER (1) 1 (Dawson 5)
WIMBLEDON (2) 3 (Blochel 18, Leslie 36, 74)
 Att: 5,849
Doncaster: Humphries 6, Lally 7, Cooper 5, Snodin, I 6, Parkinson 5, Dowd 7, Pugh 5 (sub, Russell), Dawson 7, Douglas 5, ★**SNODIN**, G 8, Lister 6.
Wimbledon: Beasant 6, Clement 7, ★**THOMAS** 8, Smith 6, Morris 7, Downes 7, Ketteridge 6 (sub, Gage), Leslie 7, Blochel 7, Hodges 6, Joseph 7.
Referee: J. D. Hough (Macclesfield)
Match Rating: ★★

Saturday, Jan. 30

Division One

ARSENAL (1) 1 (Vaessen 40)
LEEDS (0) 0
 Att: 22,408
Arsenal: Wood 7, Hollins 7, Sansom 7, Talbot 6, ★**O'LEARY** 8, Whyte 7, Vaessen 7, Sunderland 6, Davis 7, Nicholas 6, Rix 7.
Leeds: Lukic 7, Cherry 5, Gray, F 6, Stevenson 5, Hart 6, ★**BURNS** 8, Gray, E 7, Graham 6, Butterworth 6, Hamson 6, Hird 5 (sub, Harris 6).
Referee: K. W. Baker (Rugby)
Match Rating: ★★

ASTON VILLA (0) 0
LIVERPOOL (2) 3 (Rush 3, McDermott 23, 73)
 Att: 35,947
Aston Villa: Rimmer 6, Swain 6, Gibson 5, Evans 5, Williams 4 (sub, Blair 6), Mortimer 6, Bremner 6, ★**GEDDIS** 7, Withe 5, Cowans 6, Morley 6.
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 7, Neal 7, Lawrenson 8, Kennedy 7, Whelan 7, Hansen 7, Dalglish 8, Lee 7, Rush 8, ★**MCDERMOTT** 9, Souness 7.
Referee: D. V. Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating: ★★

COVENTRY (0) 0
BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Ritchie 35)
 Att: 11,023
Coventry: Blyth 7, Thomas 6, Barnes 7, ★**FRANCIS** 8, Dyson 7, Gillespie 7, Bodak 5, Daly 6 (sub, Jacobs 5), Hateley 6, Thompson 6, Hunt 7.
Brighton: Moseley 7, Shanks 7, Nelson 7, Grealish 7, Stevens 7, Gattling 7, Ryan 6, ★**RITCHIE** 8, Smith 6, McNab 7, Thomas 6.
Referee: N. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★

EVERTON (1) 1 (Sharp 10)
TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Villa 77)
 Att: 30,717
Everton: Southall 8, Stevens 6, Ratcliffe 6, Higgins 7, Lyons 7, Richardson 6, Irvine 6, Heath 8, ★**SHARP** 9, Eastoe 8, Lodge 7.
Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 6, Miller 6, Price 6, Villa 8, Perryman 7, ★**ARDILES** 9, Falco 7 (sub, Brooke), Galvin 6, Hoddle 6, Crooks 7.
Referee: C. L. Newsome (Broseley)
Match Rating: ★★

IPSWICH (0) 1 (Thijssen 53)
NOTTS COUNTY (1) 3 (Mair 21, Kilcline 56, Hooks 81)
 Att: 21,570
Ipswich: Cooper 6, Burley 7, ★**McCALL** 8, Mills 6, Osman 6, Steggles 6 (sub, O'Callaghan 7), Wark 6, Muhren 6, Thijssen 6, Brazil 5, Gates 5.
Notts County: Avramovic 7, Benjamin 7, O'Brien 6, Goodwin 7, Kilcline 7, Richards 7, Chiedozie 7 (sub, Christie 6), ★**MASSON** 8, McCulloch 7, Hooks 7, Mair 7.
Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★

MANCHESTER CITY (4) 4 (Francis 2, 31, Reeves 23, 38)
BIRMINGHAM (2) 2 (Worthington 39, 42)
 Att: 28,438
Man City: Corrigan 6, Ranson 6, McDonald 5, Ryan 5, Bond 5, Caton 6, Kinsey 7, Reeves 7, ★**FRANCIS** 9, Hartford 5, Power 5.
Birmingham: Wealands 5, Langan 5, Dennis 6, Dillon 6, Van den Hauwe 6, Todd 5, Curbishley 6, Evans 6, ★**WORTHINGTON** 8, Broadhurst 6, Van Mierlo 7.
Referee: A. Challinor (Maltby)
Match Rating: ★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Keegan 8)
 Att: 12,693
Middlesbrough: Platt 6, Craggs 7, Bailey 7, Ross 6, Nattrass 7, McAndrew 7, ★**COCHRANE** 8, Otto 7, Hodgson 5, Bell 5, Thomson 5.
Southampton: Katalinic 7, Golac 7, Holmes 7, Baker 8, Nicholl 7, Waldron 7, ★**KEEGAN** 9, Channon 7, Hebbard 6, Armstrong 7, Ball 7.
Referee: A. Robinson (Radcliffe)
Match Rating: ★★

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0
STOKE (0) 0
 Att: 16,219
Nott'm Forest: Shilton 7, Anderson 7, Gunn 6, Young 7, Bowyer 6, Rober 6, McGovern 7, Proctor 5, ★**ROBERTSON** 8, Fashanu 5, Wallace 6.
Stoke: ★**FOX** 9, Kirk 6, McAughtrie 7, Watson 7, Hampton 6, Griffiths 5, Dodd 6, Bracewell 6, Maguire 6, O'Callaghan 5, Chapman 5.
Referee: P. N. Willis (Co. Durham)
Match Rating: ★

SWANSEA (0) 2 (Curtis 54, James, R 56)
MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 0
 Att: 23,900
Swansea: ★**DAVIES** 8, Stanley 7, Marustik 6, Irwin 6, Kennedy 6, Rajkovic 7, Curtis 7, James, R 7, Latchford 6, Thompson 7, Robinson 6 (sub, James, L 7).
Man Utd: Bailey 6, Duxbury 6, Albiston 6, ★**WILKINS** 7, Moran 6, McQueen 5 (sub, Gidman 6), Robson 6, Birtles 5, Stapleton 6, Macari 5, Coppell 6.
Referee: J. E. Martin (Alton)
Match Rating: ★★

WEST HAM (1) 3 (Goddard 35, Cross 51, 76)
WEST BROM (0) 1 (King 52)
 Att: 24,423
West Ham: Parkes 8, Stewart 7, Brush 6, ★**BONDS** 9, Martin 8, Van der Elst 7, Orr 6, Goddard 6, Cross 6, Brooking 7, Pike 8.
West Brom: Grew 8, Batson 6, ★**STATHAM** 9, King 7, Wile 7, Robertson 7, Jol 6, Whitehead 6 (sub, Cross 7), Regis 6, Owen 8, Mackenzie 7.
Referee: C. A. Maskell (Stapleford, Cambs.)
Match Rating: ★★

WOLVES (0) 0
SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Cooke 56)
 Att: 11,099
Wolves: Bradshaw 4, Palmer 4, ★**HUMPHREY** 5, Atkinson 4, Gallagher 4 (sub, Villazan), Berry 4, Hibbitt 4, Eves 4, Gray 4, Richards 4, Brazier 4.
Sunderland: Siddall 5, Venison 5, Hinnigan 5, Hindmarch 5, ★**CLARKE** 6, Elliott 4, Buckley 4, Chisholm 4, Cooke 5, Pickering 4, Cummins 5.
Referee: M. Lowe (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★

Division Two

BARNLEY (0) 0
CAMBRIDGE (0) 0
 Att: 13,114
Barnley: Horn 6, Cooper 7, Chambers 6, Glavin 7, Banks 6, ★**McCARTHY** 8, Evans 6, Walker 7, Aylott 7, McHale 6, Barrowclough 6.
Cambridge: ★**KEY** 9, Donaldson 6, Murray 6, Smith 6, Fallon 7, Streete 8, O'Neill 6, Spriggs 6 (sub, Polycarpou 6), Gibbins 6, Reilly 6, Taylor 7.
Referee: F. Roberts (Prestatyn)
Match Rating: ★★

BLACKBURN (0) 1 (Garner 89)
CARDIFF (0) 0
 Att: 7,001
Blackburn: Gennoe 6, Branagan 6, ★**RATHBONE** 8, Arnott 5, Keeley 6, Fazackerley 5, Miller 6, Stonehouse 5, Bell 5, Garner 6, Brotherton 5.
Cardiff: ★**HEALEY** 8, Jones 6, Gilbert 5, Maddy 5, Pontin 5, Bennett, G 6, Bennett, D 5, Micallef 5, Dwyer 4, Kitchen 4, Giles 4.
Referee: R. Bridges (Deeside)
Match Rating: ★★

CHELSEA (1) 3 (Walker 8, 56, 66)
SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Atkins 80)
 Att: 11,446
Chelsea: Francis 7, Locke 6, Hutchings 6, Britton 7, Droy 8, Pates 7, Mayes 7, Bumstead 7, Rhoades-Brown 7, ★**WALKER** 9, Fillyer 7 (sub, Nutton 6).
Shrewsbury: Wardle 6, MacLaren 7, Johnson 7, Petts 6, Griffin 6, Keay 6, Tong 7, Dungworth 7, Atkins 7, ★**McNALLY** 8, Bates 5.
Referee: T. Glasston (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0
QPR (0) 0
 Att: 15,267
Crystal Palace: Barron 6, Hinshelwood 5, Boulter 5, Murphy 5, Wicks 6, ★**CANNON** 7, Brooks 4, Smillie 5, Walsh 4, Mabbutt 4, Hilaire 6.
QPR: Hucker 6, Fenwick 5, Gillard 5, ★**HOWE** 7, Roeder 6, Waddock 4, Allen 5, Currie 5, Micklewhite 4, Stainrod 5, Gregory 5.
Referee: E. A. Read (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★

DERBY (0) 3 (Sheridan 51, Wilson 83, 85)
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (1) 1 (Bannister 41)
 Att: 11,215
Derby: Banovic 7, Emery 5, Buckley 7, Dalziel (sub, Skivington 6), Sheridan 6, Money 6, Hector 7, Powell, B 5, Hill 6, ★**WILSON** 8, Emson 5.
Sheff Wed: Bolder 6, Sterland 7, Mellor 6, Pickering 6, Shirliff 6, Smith 5, Megson 7, Mirocevic 7, ★**BANNISTER** 8, McCulloch 6, Owen 5.
Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)
Match Rating: ★★

GRIMSBY (2) 3 (Moore, K 3, Drinkell 10, 75)
CHARLTON (1) 3 (Hales 2, McAllister 55, Walsh 62)
 Att: 7,088
Grimsby: Batch 7, Moore, D 6, Crombie 6, Stone 7, Moore, K 7, Crosby 6, Ford 7, Kilmore 6, ★**DRINKELL** 8, Mitchell 7, Beacock 6 (sub, Brolly 6).
Charlton: ★**JOHNS** 8, Naylor 7, Elliott 7, Gritt 6, McAllister 7, Phillips 6, Ambrose 7, Walsh 7, Hales 6, Berry 6, Robinson 6.
Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating: ★★

LUTON (1) 2 (White 13, Donaghy 67)
LEICESTER (0) 1 (Lineker 52)
 Att: 11,810
Luton: Judge 8, Stephens 8, Aizlewood 6, Horton 7, Goodyear 7, ★**DONAGHY** 9, Hill 8, Stein 7, White 7, Fuccillo 8 (sub, Antic), Moss 7.
Leicester: Wallington 6, Williams 7, Friar 6, Peake 6, ★**MAY** 9, O'Neill 8, Lynex 7, Lineker 7, Young 7, Wilson 6, Ramsey 6 (sub, Melrose).
Referee: J. A. Moules (Ongar)
Match Rating: ★★

NEWCASTLE (0) 2 (Mills 50, Varadi 72)
NORWICH (0) 1 (Downs 58)
 Att: 14,447
Newcastle: Carr 7, ★**BROWNIE** 8, Saunders 6, Trewick 6, Carney 6, Haddock 7, Mills 7, Martin 6, Varadi 7, Wharton 7, Waddle 6.

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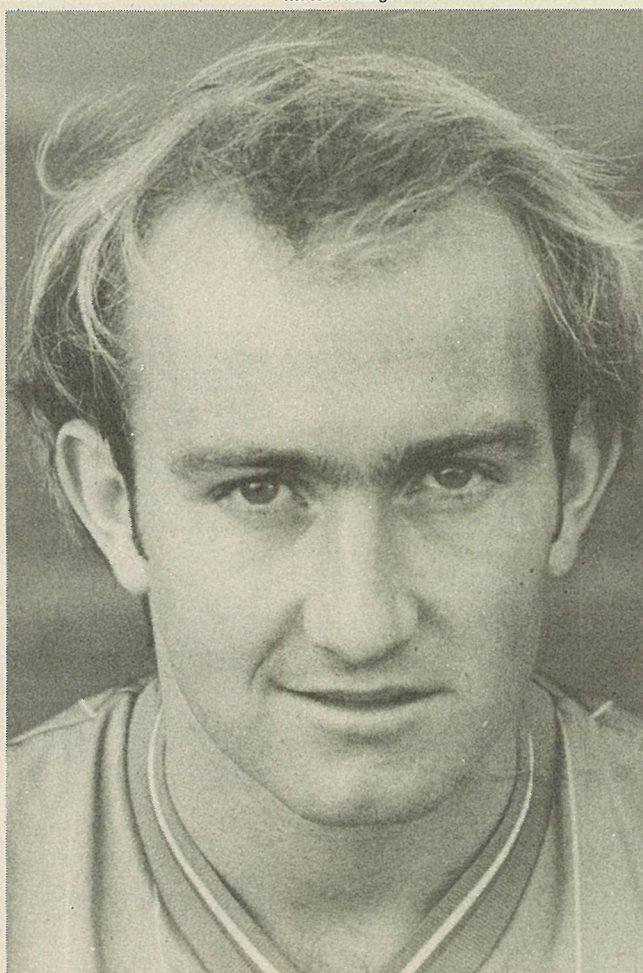


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Norwich: Woods 7, Symonds 6, ★**DOWNS** 8, McGuire 7, Walford 7, Watson 7, Mendham 6, Jack 7, Deehan 6, Bertschin 6, Barham 6.
Referee: D. Scott (Burnley)
Match Rating: ★★

OLDHAM (1) 1 (Doyle, og 18)
BOLTON (0) 1 (Thompson 65)
Att: 9,271
Oldham: McDonnell 6, Edwards 5, Ryan 6, Keegan 6 (sub. Palmer 6), ★**CLEMENTS** 8, Futcher 6, Nuttall 6, Heaton 6, Steel 6, McDonough 6, Atkinson 6.
Bolton: McDonagh 6, Whitworth 6, Bennett 6, ★**HENRY** 8, Jones 6, Doyle 6, Chandler 6 (sub. Hoggan 6), Foster 6, Gowing 7, Cantello 6, Thompson 7.
Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Fern 2)
WATFORD (0) 2 (Bolton 77, Barnes 81)
Att: 8,189
Rotherham: Mountford 6, Hughes 6, Breckin 6, Rhodes 6, ★**STANCLIFFE** 8, Green 7, Townner 7, Gow 6, Moore 6, Fern 7, Gooding 6.
Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice 7, Henderson 6, Taylor 6, Terry 6, Bolton 7, ★**BLISSETT** 8, Armstrong 6, Jenkins 7, Lohman 6 (sub. Callaghan 6), Barnes 7.
Referee: N. L. Wilson (Morecambe)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

WREXHAM (0) 0
ORIENT (0) 1 (Godfrey 72)
Att: 4,221
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 7, Jones 7, Bater 6, Dowman 6, Cegielski 5, ★**RONSON** 8, Fox 6, McNeil 5, Edwards 5, Vinter 5, Carrodus 6 (sub. Hunt 5).
Orient: Day 7, Foster 7, Fisher 7, Taylor 6, Gray 7, ★**OSGOOD** 8, Godfrey 7, Margerrison 6, Moores 6, Silkman 5 (sub. McNeil 6), Hallybone 7.
Referee: J. M. Key (Rotherham)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Three

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1 (Mabbutt 54)
READING (1) 1 (Donnellan 5)
Att: 5,355
Bristol Rovers: Thomas 7, ★**JONES** 8, Slatter 6, McCaffery 7, Parkin 6, Mabbutt 7, Williams, G 6, Williams, D 7, Gillies 6, Randall 7, Williams, B 6.
Reading: Fearon 6, Williams, J 7, Lewis 7, Webb 7, Hicks 6, Hetzke 7, ★**BEAVON** 8, Earles 6, Dixon 7, Sanchez 6, Donnellan 7 (sub. Barnes 6).
Referee: J. E. Bray (Hinckley)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

CARLISLE (1) 1 (Bannon 22)
LINCOLN (0) 0
Att: 3,893
Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Parker 6, Rushbury 7, Houghton 6, Ashurst 7, Larkin 7 (sub. Beardsley 6), Haigh 7, ★**ROBSON** 8, Bannon 7, Crabbe 7, Staniforth 7.
Lincoln: ★**FELGATE** 8, Carr 6, Neale 6, Cockerill 6, Creane 7, Thompson 7, Shipley 7, Turner 5, Cammack 7, Cunningham 7, Beavon 5 (sub. Gilbert 6).
Referee: A. Banks (Manchester)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

FULHAM (1) 1 (Davies 23)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0
Att: 9,213
Fulham: Peyton 7, Lock 7, Strong 7, O'Driscoll 8, Brown 7, Gale 7, Davies 8 (sub. Tempest 6), Wilson 7, Coney 7, O'Sullivan 7, ★**LEWINGTON** 9.
Chesterfield: Turner 6, Pollard 6 (sub. Crawford 6), O'Neill 6, ★**WILSON** 8, Green 6, Ridley 7, Windridge 6, Henderson 7, Bonnyman 6, Kowalski 6, Walker 7.
Referee: L. F. Burden (Dorset)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

GILLINGHAM (0) 0
PRESTON (1) 2 (Naughton 30, Bruce 54)
Att: 5,379
Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 6, Adams 7, ★**BRUCE** 8, Sittin 7, Duncan 6, Powell 6, Lee 6 (sub. Donn 6), White 6, Kemp 6, Price 6.
Preston: Hodge 7, Taylor 7, McAteer 6, Bell 7, Booth 7, ★**O'RIORDAN** 8, Anderson 6 (sub. Kelly 6), Doyle 6, Elliott 6, Naughton 7, Bruce 7.
Referee: D. Axell (Southend)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Cowling 90)
BURNLEY (0) 2 (Taylor 46, 62)
Att: 10,269
Huddersfield: Taylor 6, Brown 6, Burke 6, Stanton 7, Sutton 6, Hanvey 6, ★**LILLIS** 8, Kennedy 7, Fletcher 7 (sub. Wilson), Austin 6, Cowling 7.

Burnley: Stevenson 8, ★**LAWS** 9, Wharton 7, Cassidy 6, Overson 7, Holt 7, Dobson 7, Steven 8 (sub. Scott 6), Hamilton 8, Taylor 8, Young 7.
Referee: H. Taylor (Oadby)
Match Rating: ★★★★★
Sending Off: Young (Burnley)

MILLWALL (1) 2 (Horrix 25, Paddon 68)
CHESTER (1) 1 (Cooke 4)
Att: 3,250
Millwall: Gleasure 7, Martin 6, Roberts 6, ★**CHATTERTON** 9, Allardyce 7, Slough 7, Dibble 6, Paddon 7, Horrix 7, Neal 7, West 7.
Chester: ★**MILLINGTON** 9, Raynor 5, Burns 5, Storton 4, Cottam 5, Oakes 7, Blackwell 6, Jones 6 (sub. Allen 5), Henderson 6, Phillips 7, Cooke 6.
Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

NEWPORT (1) 1 (Vaughan 13)
BRISTOL CITY (1) 1 (Harford 16)
Att: 5,927
Newport: Kendall 7, Lees 6, Relish 7, Davies 6, Oakes 7, Johnson 6, ★**VAUGHAN** 8, Elsey 7, Aldridge 6 (sub. Tynan 6), Waddle 6, Moore 7.
Bristol City: Moller 7, Stevens 6, Williams 6, Aitken 6, Boyle 6 (sub. Hay), Sweeney 6, Tainton 7, Mann 7, Chandler 6, ★**HARFORD** 8, Musker 6.
Referee: C. White (Harrow)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

PLYMOUTH (1) 1 (Hodges 29)
BRENTFORD (0) 0
Att: 5,008
Plymouth: Crudgington 6, Nisbet 7, Uzzell 6, Harrison 6, James 6, Cooper 6, Hodges 7, Cook 5, Sims 5, Randell 6, ★**ROGERS** 8.
Brentford: McKellar 6, Salman 5, Tucker 5, ★**McNICHOLL** 8, Whitehead 7, Hurlock 6, Kamara 7, Booker 5, Sweetest 5, Bowles 5, Roberts 5 (sub. Bowen 5).
Referee: K. Barratt (Coventry)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

PORTSMOUTH (0) 0
SOUTHEND (0) 0
Att: 7,731
Portsmouth: Knight 6, Ellis 6, Bryant 5, Doyle 6, Aizlewood 6, ★**ROLLINGS** 7, Hemmerman 5, Barnard 5, Tait 6, Bason 6, Crown 6 (sub. Rafferty 5).
Southend: Keeley 6, Stead 7, ★**YATES** 8, Pennyfather 6, Moody 6, Cusack 7, Nelson 5, Pountney 5 (sub. Hadley 6), Greaves 6, Mercer 6, Otulakowski 5.
Referee: R. G. Milford (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★★★
Sending Off: Pennyfather (Southend)

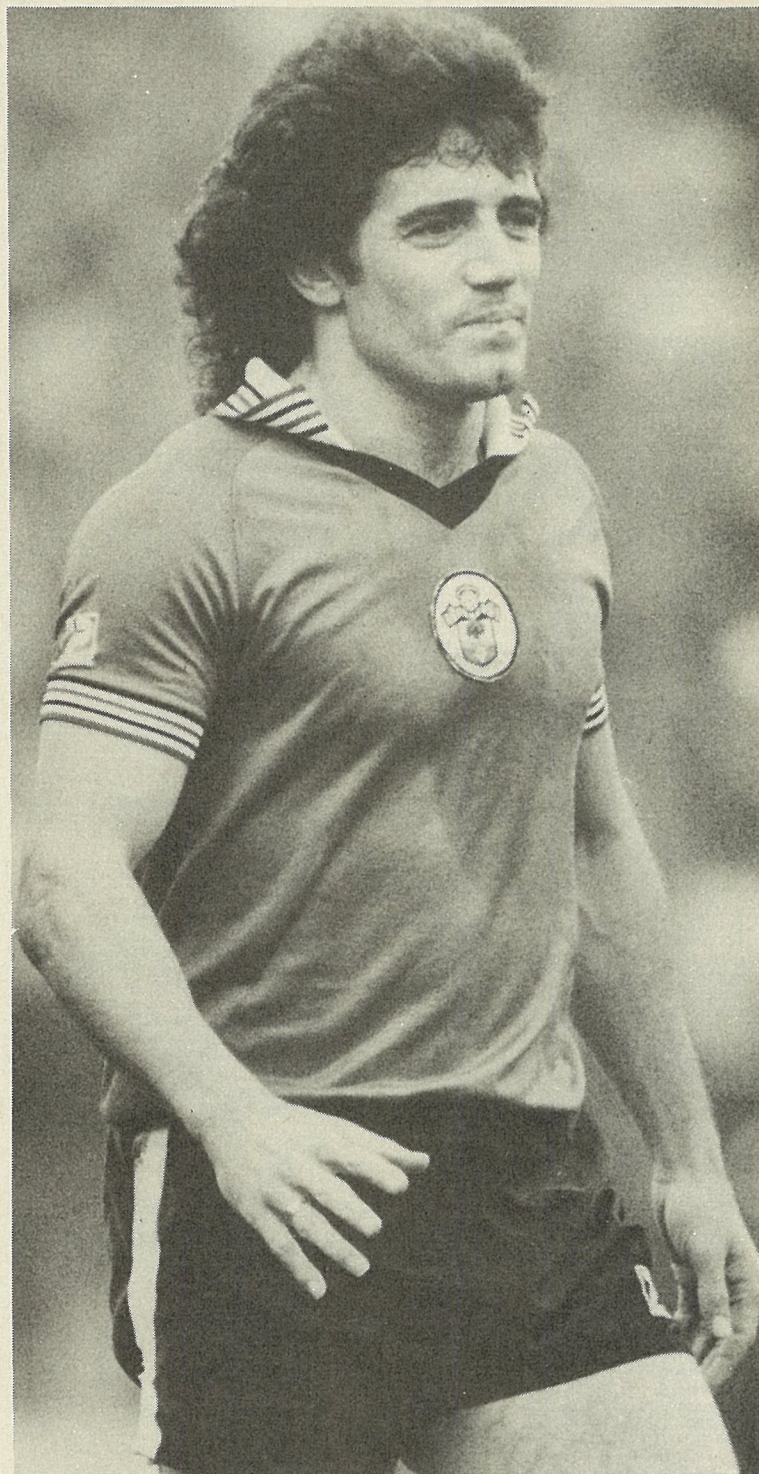
WALSALL (0) 1 (Penn 77)
OXFORD (3) 3 (Thomas 12, Cassells 17, Foley 43)
Att: 4,573
Walsall: Green 6, Macken 6, Mower 5 (sub. Preece 6), Beech 7, Serella 6, Hart 6, Rees 6, Horne 7, Penn 6, ★**CASWELL** 8, O'Kelly 6.
Oxford: Burton 7, Doyle 7, Fogg 7, Jeffrey 7, Briggs 7, Shotton 6 (sub. Kearns 7), Brock 8, Foley 8, ★**CASSELLS** 9, Thomas 8, Smithers 7.
Referee: L. Shapter (Newton Abbot)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Four

BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Entwhistle 4)
DARLINGTON (0) 0
Att: 3,336
Blackpool: Hesford 7, Deary 6, Pashley 6, Blair 6, ★**GREENHALL** 8, Wann 7, Morris 6, Noble 7, Bamber 5, Hockaday 5, Entwhistle 6.
Darlington: Cuff 7, Kamara 7, Wilson 7, Smith 7, Skipper 8, ★**SPEEDIE** 9, Stalker 7, McLean 7, Hawker 7, Hamilton 7, Walsh 7.
Referee: M. Heath (Stoke on Trent)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Funnell 85)
HALIFAX (1) 1 (Ward 41)
Att: 4,690
Bournemouth: Leigh 7, Heffernan 6, Sulley 6, Dawtry 6, Brignull 7, ★**IMPEY** 8, Spackman 6, Crawford 5 (sub. Dawkins 6), Funnell 6, Goddard 7, Williams 6.
Halifax: Smelt 6, Chamberlain 6, Whiteley 6, Evans 6, ★**AYRE** 8, Hendrie 6, Ward 6, Davison 7, Allatt 6 (sub. Firth 6), Spooner 6, Graham 6.
Referee: T. Ward (London)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

BRADFORD (0) 0
HEREFORD (0) 0
Att: 3,734
Bradford: Ramsbottom 6, Podd 7, Wood 6, ★**INGHAM** 8, Cooke 7, McFarland 7, Gallagher 6, Staniforth 7, Campbell 6, McNiven 6, Ellis 6.
Hereford: Brand 7, Price 6, Sullivan 6, ★**HICKS** 8, Dobson 7, Musial 7, Harvey 7, Laidlaw 6, Spiring 6, Showers 6, White 6.
Referee: R. Nixon (Stockport)
Match Rating: ★★★★★



Southampton skipper Kevin Keegan put his club top of the First Division for the first time in their history with the winner at Middlesbrough.

MATCH WINNERS

BURY (1) 3 (Hilton, P 41, Butler 57, Cruickshank 63)
MANSFIELD (2) 2 (Bell 24, Lumby 34)
Att: 2,954
Bury: Brown 6, Howard 7, Kennedy 6, Gore 6, ★**HILTON**, P 8, Cruickshank 7, Madden 5, Butler 5, Johnson 6, Jakub 6, Hilton, M 5 (sub. Mullen 7).
Mansfield: ★**ARNOLD** 8, McJannett 7, Foster 6, Bell 7, Burrows 6, Wood 7, Mann 7, Morgan 6 (sub. Bird 5), Cannell 6, Lumby 7, Parkinson 6.
Referee: G. M. Tyson (Sunderland)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

HARTLEPOOL (0) 3 (Houchen 59, Fagan 65, Newton 80)
YORK (0) 2 (Crosby 57, 88)
Att: 2,291
Hartlepool: Burleigh 7, Sweeney 7, Linacre, P 7, Brown 7, Fagan 6, Bird 7, ★**LINACRE**, J 8, Hogan 7, Newton 7, Houchen 7, Staff 5.

The ten lucky winners of the "Spot the Ball" competition which appeared in the January 16 issue of Match each receive a super leather Leada-Match football.
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Match Facts..... Match Facts..... Match Facts.....

York: Astbury 7, Senior 5, Kay 5, Laverick 5, Dawson 7, Hood 6, Pollard 7. ***CROSBY 8**, Walwyn 7, Ford 6, Bentham 5 (sub. Stanley). Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Laverick (York)

NORTHAMPTON (2) 2 (Denyer 5, Perrin 29)
WIGAN (1) 3 (Lloyd 3, O'Keefe 50, Bradd 64)
Att: 2,418

Northampton: Poole 6, Carlton 6, Saxby 6, Gage 7, Brady 6, Sandy 6. ***DENYER 8**, Buchanan 6, Phillips 6, Perrin 7, Alexander 7.
Wigan: Tunks 7, Glenn 6, Cribble 6, Lloyd 7, Methven 7, Wright 6, Barrow 6, O'Keefe 8, Quinn 6. ***BRADD 9**, Houghton 7.
Referee: A. W. Grey (Gorleston-on-Sea)
Match Rating: ★★

PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Clarke 36, Cooke 63)
STOCKPORT (0) 0
Att: 3,525

Peterborough: Freeman 6, Butler 6, Collins 7, Gynn 7, Smith 6, Rodaway 6. ***CLARKE 8**, Kellock 6, Cooke 6, Hodgson 6 (sub. Chard 5), Massey 6.
Stockport: Lloyd 6, Rutter 6, Sherlock 5, ***FOWLER 8**, Thorpe 6, Smith 5, Williams 7, Power 6, Coyle 7, Park 6, Stafford 5 (sub. Sunley 5).
Referee: D. Vickers (Ilford)
Match Rating: ★★

PORT VALE (1) 1 (Tartt 4)
ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Martinez 5)
Att: 3,835

Port Vale: Harrison 7, Tartt 7, Sproson 7, Bowles 7, Bromage 6, Greenhoff 7. ***HUNTER 8**, Armstrong 6, Chamberlain, N. 7, Moss 7, Chamberlain, M. 7.
Rochdale: Poole 7, Weir 6, Burke 7. ***COOPER 8**, Snookes 7, Esser 6, Dolan 6, Wellings 6, Goodwin 7, Hilditch 6, Martinez 7.
Referee: P. Richardson (Lincoln)
Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 0
HULL (0) 0
Att: 12,612

Sheff Utd: Waugh 7, Moore 6, Garner 7, Matthews 6, Houston 7, Kenworthy 6. ***NEVILLE 8**, Trusson 7, Edwards 6, Hatton 7, King 6.
Hull: Davies 7, McNeil 7, Booth 6, Roberts, D. 7, Deacy 7, Roberts, G. 6, Marwood 7 (sub. Flounders), Ferguson 6, Whitehurst 6, ***MUTRIE 8**, Swann 7.
Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★

TORQUAY (0) 1 (Sermanni 82)
COLCHESTER (0) 0
Att: 2,037

Torquay: O'Keefe 6, Pethard 6, Wilson 6, Brown 6, Lawrence 7, Larmour 6, Sermanni 6, Jones 6. ***COOPER 8**, Butler 5 (sub. Cox 5), Young 6.
Colchester: ***WALKER 8**, Cook 6, Coleman 6, Packer 6 (sub. Adcock 6), Wignall 6, Wright 6, Cotton 6, Bremner 6, Osborne 7, McDonough 7, Allinson 7.
Referee: B. Stevens (Gloucs.)
Match Rating: ★★

TRANMERE (0) 0
SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Green 36)
Att: 1,520

Tranmere: Endersby 6, Mungall 6, Burgess 7, Parry 6, Bramhall 6, Williams 5, Hamilton 6. ***HUTCHINSON 8**, Kerr 6, Griffiths 6, Craven 5 (sub. Brown).
Scunthorpe: Neenan 6, Hughes 6, Pilling 7, ***KEELEY 8**, Dall 6, Oates 6, Telfer 6, Lambert 6, Green 6, Moss 7, Stewart 6 (sub. Davy).
Referee: T. Fitzharris (Bolton)
Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH Scottish Cup, Second Round

ALBION (1) 2 (Houston 9, Dennison, og 88)
INVERNESS CLACH. (0) 1 (Kenny 77)
Att: 1,400

COWDENBEATH (0) 1 (Liddell 87)
GALA (0) 1 (Frizzell 67)
Att: 397

Third Round

CLYDE (0) 2 (O'Neill, pen 58, Docherty 62)
MEADOWBANK (0) 2 (Boyd 61, Godfrey 83)
Att: 610

ALLOA (1) 2 (Paterson 32, Holt 69)
AYR (0) 1 (Connor 58)
Att: 1,136

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BRECHIN (1) 2 (Cormack 10, Holt, og 59)
DUNDEE UNITED (1) 4 (Sturrock 43, 68, Dodds 70, Kirkwood 79)
Att: 4,348

Premier Division

ABERDEEN (1) 1 (McMaster 1)
CELTIC (1) 3 (McCluskey, pen 27, MacLeod 71, McStay 77)
Att: 19,000
Aberdeen: Leighton 6, Kennedy 6, Rougvie 6, McMaster 7, McLeish 6. ***MILLER 8**, Strachan 6, Bell 7, Hewitt 7, McGhee 6 (sub. Black 6), Weir 6.
Celtic: Bonner 7, McGrain 7, Reid 6, Aitken 7, McAdam 6, MacLeod 7, Sullivan 6. ***BURNS 8**, McGarvey 6, McStay 7, McCluskey 6.
Referee: R. Collinson (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ★★

DUNDEE (0) 0
ST MIRREN (1) 2 (Bone 18, McAvennie 65)
Att: 4,628

Dundee: Blair 7, Cameron 6, Glennie 7, McGeachie 7, McLelland 6, Kidd 6, Fraser 6 (sub. Bell 7). ***STEPHEN 8**, Ferguson 7, Sinclair 6, Mackie 6.
St Mirren: Thomson 7, McCormack 6, Beckett 7, Copeland 6, Fulton 7, Fitzpatrick 6 (sub. Richardson), Abercrombie 7, McAvennie 6, McDougall 7 (sub. Logan 6), Bone 7. ***SCANLON 8**.
Referee: H. Alexander (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★

MORTON (0) 0
PARTICK (0) 0
Att: 2,400
Morton: Baines 7, Hayes 6, Holmes 7. ***DUFFY 8**, McLaughlin 6, Docherty 6, Hutchison 7, Rooney 6, Houston 7, Ritchie 5 (sub. Busby 7), Slaven 6 (sub. McNeill).
Partick: Rough 7, McKinnon 6, Whittaker 7, Dunlop 6, Anderson 7, Jardine 6, Doyle 7. ***WATSON 8**, McDonald 6, Johnston 5 (sub. Sweeney), Clark 6 (sub. Park).
Referee: E. McGinley (Balforn)
Match Rating: ★★

RANGERS (1) 1 (Johnstone 22)
HIBERNIAN (0) 1 (Flavell 60)
Att: 15,000
Rangers: Stewart 7, Jardine 7, Dawson 7, McAdam 6, Jackson 6, MacDonal 6, Russell 7, Redford 6 (sub. Mackay). ***COOPER 8**, Dalziel 6, Johnstone 6.
Hibs: McArthur 7, Sneddon 6, Schaedler 7, Brazil 7, Patterson 6, Callaghan 6. ***FLAVELL 8**, Duncan 6, Rodier 6, Murray 7 (sub. Jamieson), MacLeod 7 (sub. McNamara 6).
Referee: K. Hope (Clarkstone)
Match Rating: ★★

First Division

CLYDEBANK (0) 2 (Rennie, og 66, Coyne 71)
EAST STIRLING (1) 1 (Blair 23)
Att: 522

FALKIRK (0) 0
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0
Att: 1,200

HAMILTON (0) 0
ST JOHNSTONE (0) 0
Att: 1,067

HEARTS (0) 0
MOTHERWELL (1) 3 (Irvine 43, Coyne 65, Clinging 84)
Att: 11,054

KILMARNOCK (0) 0
DUMBARTON (0) 0
Att: 770

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (1) 2 (Cloy, pen 25, Gordon 60)
RAITH (0) 3 (Ballantyne 55, 81, Urquhart 57)
Att: 750

Second Division

EAST FIFE (0) 0
BERWICK (1) 1 (Tait 16)
Att: 449

STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 1 (Murray 39)
STRANRAER (0) 0
Att: 300

STIRLING (1) 1 (Moffatt 5)
MONTROSE (0) 1 (Fletcher, pen 58)
Att: 720

Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P	S
Southampton	22	9	0	2	28	13	3	4	12	17	40		
Man. Utd.	22	7	3	1	16	5	4	3	4	17	13	39	
Ipswich	19	7	1	2	19	13	5	1	3	17	13	38	
Man. City	22	7	4	2	24	12	4	1	4	10	13	38	
Liverpool	21	5	3	3	18	11	5	3	2	18	9	36	
Swansea	22	8	2	1	20	7	3	1	7	13	26	36	
Brighton	22	4	5	2	18	13	4	5	2	8	8	34	
Everton	23	7	3	2	21	12	2	4	5	12	16	34	
Arsenal	20	5	3	1	6	2	5	1	5	12	13	34	
Tottenham	19	5	0	5	15	13	3	3	1	13	7	33	
Nott'm For.	21	6	3	3	13	11	3	3	3	12	15	33	
West Ham	20	5	3	1	22	14	2	5	4	14	14	29	
Notts Co.	21	4	4	2	14	16	3	1	7	16	20	26	
West Brom	19	3	4	2	12	7	3	2	7	12	15	24	
Coventry	23	5	2	5	21	16	1	3	7	13	24	23	
Leeds	20	5	0	5	15	6	1	0	9	5	27	23	
Aston Villa	21	2	3	4	9	13	3	4	5	14	14	22	
Stoke	22	4	0	7	14	12	2	4	5	10	17	22	
Birmingham	20	4	4	1	22	18	0	3	8	9	19	19	
Wolves	21	4	2	5	7	11	1	2	7	6	20	19	
Sunderland	20	1	2	6	8	17	3	3	11	18	17		
Middlesbro	20	2	3	5	10	16	0	3	7	6	16	12	

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P	S
Luton	21	8	0	2	26	11	7	3	1	20	10	48	
Oldham	25	6	7	1	21	14	5	2	4	14	12	42	
Watford	22	6	3	2	24	12	6	2	3	15	14	41	
Blackburn	25	6	2	4	11	7	4	6	3	19	17	38	
Chelsea	22	6	3	2	19	13	4	3	4	14	17	36	
Q.P.R.	22	7	3	2	16	6	3	2	5	12	14	35	
Barnsley	21	7	2	1	17	4	3	2	6	16	10	34	
Sheff Wed.	21	5	3	2	16	14	5	1	5	11	14	34	
Charlton	25	6	3	3	19	13	2	5	6	14	23	32	
Newcastle	20	7	2	1	17	6	2	1	7	11	16	30	
Norwich	22	6	3	2	16	10	2	1	8	9	22	28	
Derby	22	6	3	2	18	12	4	1	8	12	28	28	
Orient	23	4	3	4	13	14	4	0	8	15	27		
Leicester	20	3	4	2	10	7	3	4	4	16	15	26	
Crystal P.	20	6	1	4	13	9	1	3	5	2	7	25	
Cambridge	21	5	1	4	15	11	2	2	7	10	18	24	
Cardiff	21	5	1	5	13	16	2	2	6	9	15	24	
Shrewsbury	19	5	2	2	15	10	1	3	6	5	17	23	
Bolton	22	5	2	5	16	17	1	2	7	4	15	22	
Rotherham	20	6	1	3	21	11	0	2	8	5	20	21	
Wrexham	20	3	0	7	9	15	2	4	1	12	13	19	
Grimsby	18	1	4	4	12	15	3	2	4	9	17	18	

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P	S
Fulham	22	6	3	1	17	8	6	2	4	19	16	41	
Chesterfield	22	6	3	2	15	8	5	2	4	13	7	38	
Carlisle	20	8	1	1	19	9	4	1	5	10	12	38	
Southend	22	7	3	2	17	11	4	2	4	12	11	37	
Reading	24	6	3	4	20	12	4	3	4	13	15	36	
Walsall	22	7	1	3	21	10	4	4	10	11	35		
Bristol R	25	6	1	3	11	7	3	4	5	12	16	34	
Millwall	21	5	1	5	15	13	4	3	3	13	11	31	
Oxford	20	4	2	3	10	7	5	2	4	17	16	31	
Plymouth	25	6	3	4	22	14	2	4	6	9	16	31	
Brentford	24	2	3	6	5	8	7	1	5	18	17	31	
Huddersfield	22	5	3	3	16	11	3	3	5	11	13	30	
Gillingham	21	5	2	4	19	17	4	1	5	10	15	30	
Doncaster	20	6	1	3	16	9	2	4	4	10	16	29	
Burnley	21	4	4	4	13	12	3	4	4	15	17	29	
Exeter	21	6	1	4	24	23	2	4	13	19	29		
Newport	24	5	4	3	14	10	2	3	7	15	20	28	
Lincoln	21	4	4	3	17	11	3	2	5	13	15	27	
Portsmouth	23	4	5	2	12	8	1	5	6	12	19	25	
Preston	22	4	4	3	8	2	3	6	11	19	25		
Bristol C	22	3	4	4	12	14	2	4	5	8	13	23	
Swindon	21	3	2	5	15	17	3	3	5	10	16	23	
Chester	22	1	7	3	10	14	4	1	6	9	15	23	
Wimbledon	21	3	2	5	12	17	2	3	6	14	22	20	

Division Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P	S
Wigan	24	9	2	1	24	7	5	5	2	18	15	49	
Sheff. Utd.	22	7	5	0	22	7	6	2	2	14	8	46	
Colchester	21	7	3	1	30	10	6	1	3	18	12	43	
Bradford	22	8	3	2	28	14	5	4	3	18	14	43	
Peterboro	22	9	1	2	26	5	3	3	4	10	17	43	
Bury	22	9	1	1	33	12	3	5	3	15	16	42	
Bournemouth	22	5	6	0	14	6	3	3	2	12	7	42	
Port Vale	23	5	5	2	15	12	4	4	3	13	12	36	
Blackpool	21	7	1	3	26	12	2	4	4	15	16	32	
Hatfield	23	5	2	3	17	15	3	4	6	18	22	30	
Torquay	22	5	3	3	16	12	3	2	6	9	12	29	
Tranmere	24	2	5	4	9	11	5	3	5	15	17	25	
Hull	21	5	1	4	13	12	1	6	4	18	21		
Aldershot	20	4	2	4	15	13	2	5	1	11	22	25	
Stockport	20	7	0	3	20	11	0	2	7	17	23		
Grimsby	21	5	2	3	17	12	2	4	4	15	16	32	
Darlington	23	3	4	3	11	12	1	6	6	8	17	22	
Halifax	23	2	4	4	9	13	2	5	3	13	23	22	
Hereford	19	6	1	6	20	11	2	5	3	14	20		
Scunthorpe	22	3	5	4	11	10	1	3	6	7	19	20	
Reading	21	3	4	3	14	17	2	8	6	19	20		
York	20	1	3	6	23	4	4	5	1	10	19		
Grave	21	2	7	9	9	12	2	3	3	14	14		
Northampton	21	2	3	5	13	16	0	2	8	10	23		

Match goes North of the border and spotlights the setback facing one of Scotland's hottest properties . . .

CHARLIE'S CHOKER

YOUNG Celtic striker Charlie Nicholas talked this week about his 'disastrous' season at Parkhead.

As he sat at home nursing a broken leg, the Scottish Under-21 international admitted: "This season has been a disaster for me. I've completely written it off."

Charlie was a sensation last term in his first full season in a Celtic shirt and scored 16 goals in 26 League games as he helped the club win their third Premier Division title.

And this season he looked set to continue his development and even push for a place in his country's World Cup squad.

But it has all turned sour for the youngster. An early season virus kept him out of the team and as he battled to regain his place, he broke his right leg in a reserve match against Morton.

"I lost a stone in weight through the virus and, while I was out of the team, Frank McGarvey and George McCluskey were doing well and scoring goals.

"At times I wondered if I had a future with the club because I couldn't see myself getting back in the side.

"I talked to manager Billy McNeill and he just told me to be patient and my chance would come again.

"My form hadn't suffered. I was playing as well as ever before my broken leg. It was just the fact that George and Frank were scoring the goals and there was no way they could be dropped.

"George has taken his chance really well this season. He's proved his ability," added Charlie.

"I've been on the substitute's bench a few times this season, but I'd rather get a full game in the reserves than sit it out on the bench," he admitted.

And it was in a game for the Celtic second string side that Charlie picked up the injury that every player dreads . . . a broken leg.

"I went in for a 50-50 ball with a Morton player. If anything, the ball was slightly in my favour. I won the ball and he was a fraction slower than me.

"The ball had gone and he cracked me on the right shin. I knew straight away that it was serious," said Charlie.

"It's the first time I've ever been sidelined through injury and it's very frustrating for me.

"The first couple of weeks were the worst. I got very depressed, but now I've got used to the idea and know that the injury won't heal overnight.

"It's a matter of keeping your chin up and concentrating on getting back to full fitness," added Charlie, who made his League debut for Celtic against Partick and scored two goals in last season's 4-1 victory.

'This season has been a disaster for me'

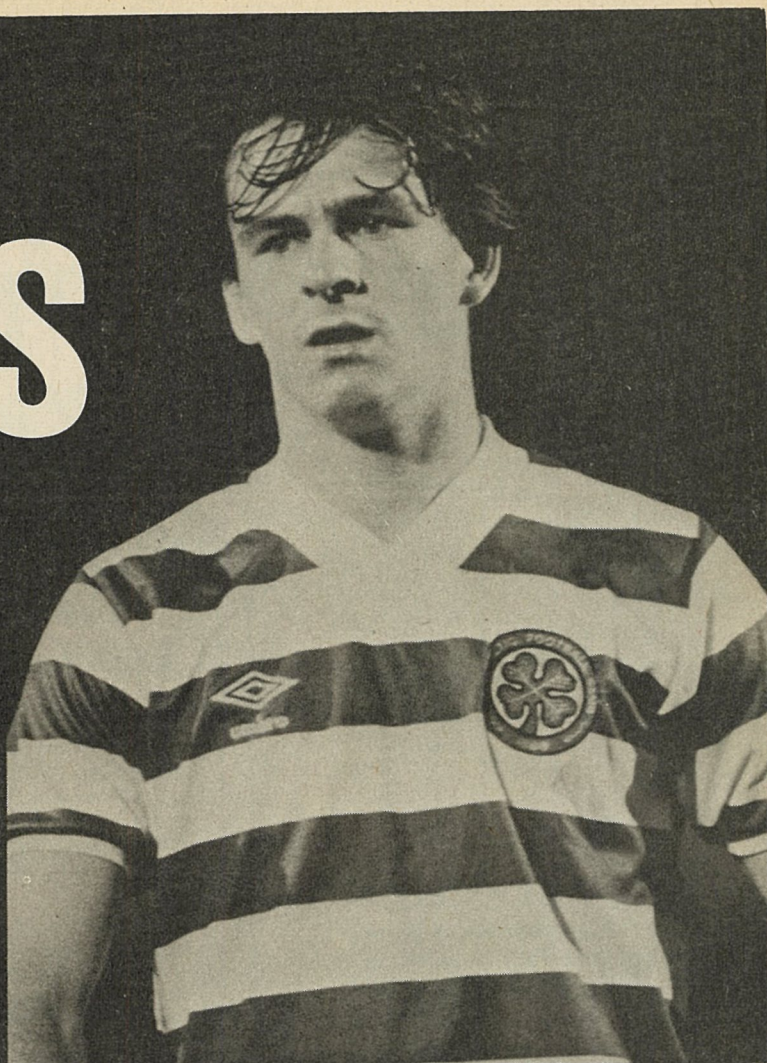
"I've been told that it's going to be at least six weeks before I can begin light training again, but I'm already going down to the ground and doing some training to keep the rest of my body in trim."

But Charlie knows that once he's won his battle for fitness he's got another big fight on his hands — to reclaim his place in the first team.

"My only thoughts now are getting myself back to full fitness so that I can start next season afresh.

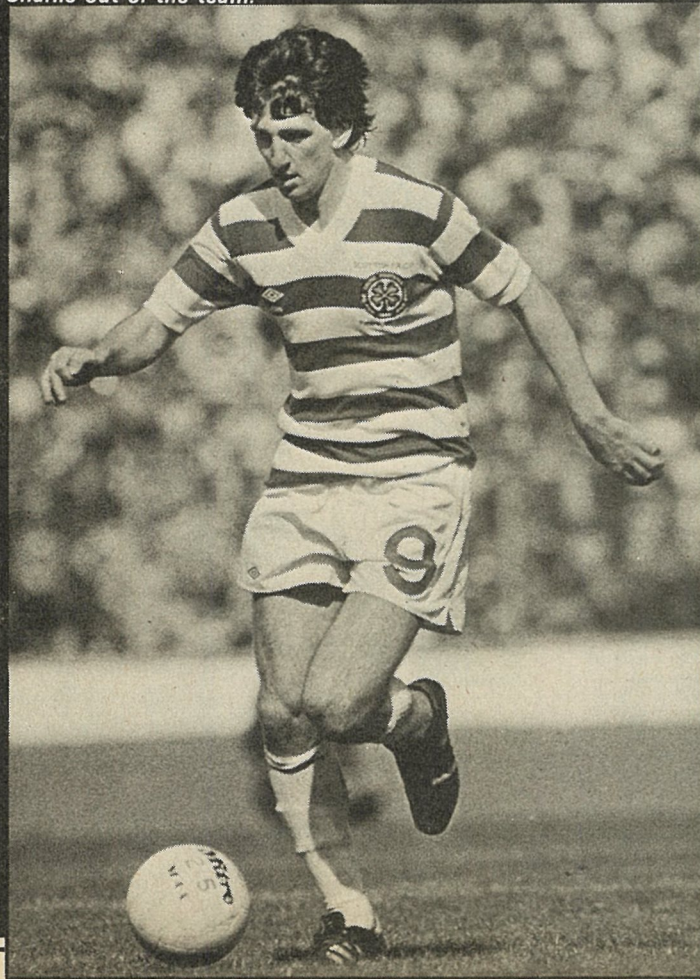
"Then I'll think about reclaiming my place. I know it's not going to be easy with Frank and George in such good form and Celtic doing well at the top of the Premier Division.

"But it's up to me to battle hard and prove to the manager that I'm worth another run."



Above: Celtic striker Charlie Nicholas.

Below: George McCluskey — his form for Celtic this season has kept Charlie out of the team.



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Kevin Todd
—fairy-tale debut

What a launching!

Shipyard worker makes a two-goal debut

WHEN you are a 23-year-old unemployed shipyard worker in the depressed North East, any job is gratefully appreciated.

But when your boyhood ambitions to be a professional footballer are suddenly realised by a club you traditionally hated as a youngster, then it's almost too incredible to be true.

However, Kevin Todd's fairy-tale story with Second Division Newcastle doesn't end there.

To complete a real 'Roy of the Rovers' tale Kevin duly scored twice on his League debut against FA Cup giantkillers Watford to become an almost instant hero on Tyneside.

And considering the former Northern Alliance League striker lives in Sunderland and supported them as a schoolboy, it must have made the 'Rokerites' see red!

Young Kevin couldn't even find a way into any of the Sunderland district teams at school and had given up any real hope of breaking into the big time.

"It's so incredible, it's still almost a dream," says the striker who turned professional at the start of the season.

"I had always wanted to be a professional footballer, but I felt my chance had gone after failing to get into any of the district teams.

"I worked in the local shipyard after leaving school and it looked as though I would have to be content playing locally."

"It was while playing with Northern Alliance League side Ryhope last season that Kevin was spotted by former Newcastle manager Joe Harvey.

He was recommended to club chairman

Stan Seymour and was duly invited for trials at St James' Park.

"I played in midweek games for Newcastle reserves as a non-contract player and played for Ryhope on Saturdays," explains Kevin.

"Then, at the beginning of August, I was offered a full time contract by manager Arthur Cox and I just couldn't believe it.

"I got a little bit of stick from my mates in Sunderland for joining the opposition, but I think I have won them over.

"I had given up any chance of being a professional, although the graduation of Alan Shoulder from non-League to Newcastle showed that there was always hope."

Ironically, Kevin took over from Alan Shoulder for the Second Division clash at Watford.

"I had been substitute for several games and I didn't know until two hours before the kick-off that I was playing. It took time to sink in.

"I was very nervous, but once the first goal went in from outside the penalty area, I felt great.

"And when I tapped home the second in the 3-2 win, I just couldn't believe it.

"I didn't actually feel that I had arrived in the game, but with Newcastle having taken a bit of a chance with me, it was nice to repay them straight away.

"Now I just hope I can get a regular place in the side."



NEXT WEEK

In the magazine with the winning combination . . .

THE MAGIC OF THE FA CUP! Winning columnists GLENN HODDLE and GRAEME SOUNESS look ahead to their club's Fifth Round ties and we talk to the stars involved in the other big games.

Plus we take a look at the best of the Scottish Cup Fourth Round ties.

IN COLOUR ● PETER SHILTON — double page pull-out poster of the Nottingham Forest and England star

GOLDEN GATES ● Action replay of an Eric Gates goal for Ipswich which helped end Luton's Cup dreams.

ALAN KENNEDY — NIGEL CALLAGHAN — focus on PAUL WALSH — and team group of giantkillers OXFORD.

TARGET SPAIN! Stay with us on the World Cup trail as we talk to another player bidding for the Finals.

Scottish international Gordon Smith tells the inside story behind his decision to quit Brighton.

'I'M NO STRIKER'

says stop-gap Gordon

SCOTTISH midfield star Gordon Smith is determined to leave Brighton.

And that's despite being deeply involved in the club's bid for a place in Europe next season for the first time.

He's unhappy with his role as a stop-gap striker since the

arrival last November of Welsh international Mike Thomas from Everton, and feels his future now lies away from the Goldstone.

His discontent finally boiled over when he was dropped for the FA Cup Third Round clashes with non-League Barnet.

He was reinstated for the following First Division clash with West Ham, but that has made no difference in his desire to move on.

"What angered me most at the time of Mike Thomas' signing, was that I was probably playing the best football of my career, and manager Mike Bailey knew that," says Gordon, who was signed by previous manager Alan Mullery from Rangers last season for a then club record fee of £400,000.

"But a manager has to play a new signing, and it was fortunate for him at the time that injuries to striker Andy Ritchie and then Mike Robinson saved him from dropping me straight away.

"I don't enjoy playing as a striker. Midfield is my best position and I feel I can score more goals from there anyway.

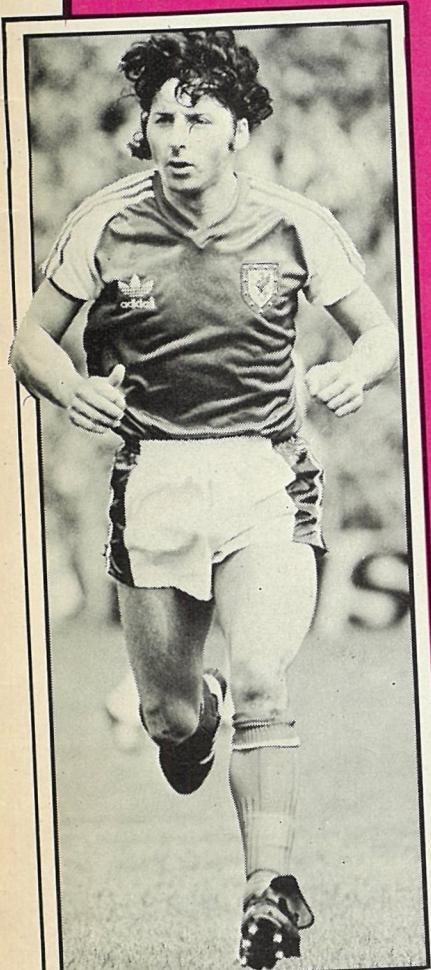
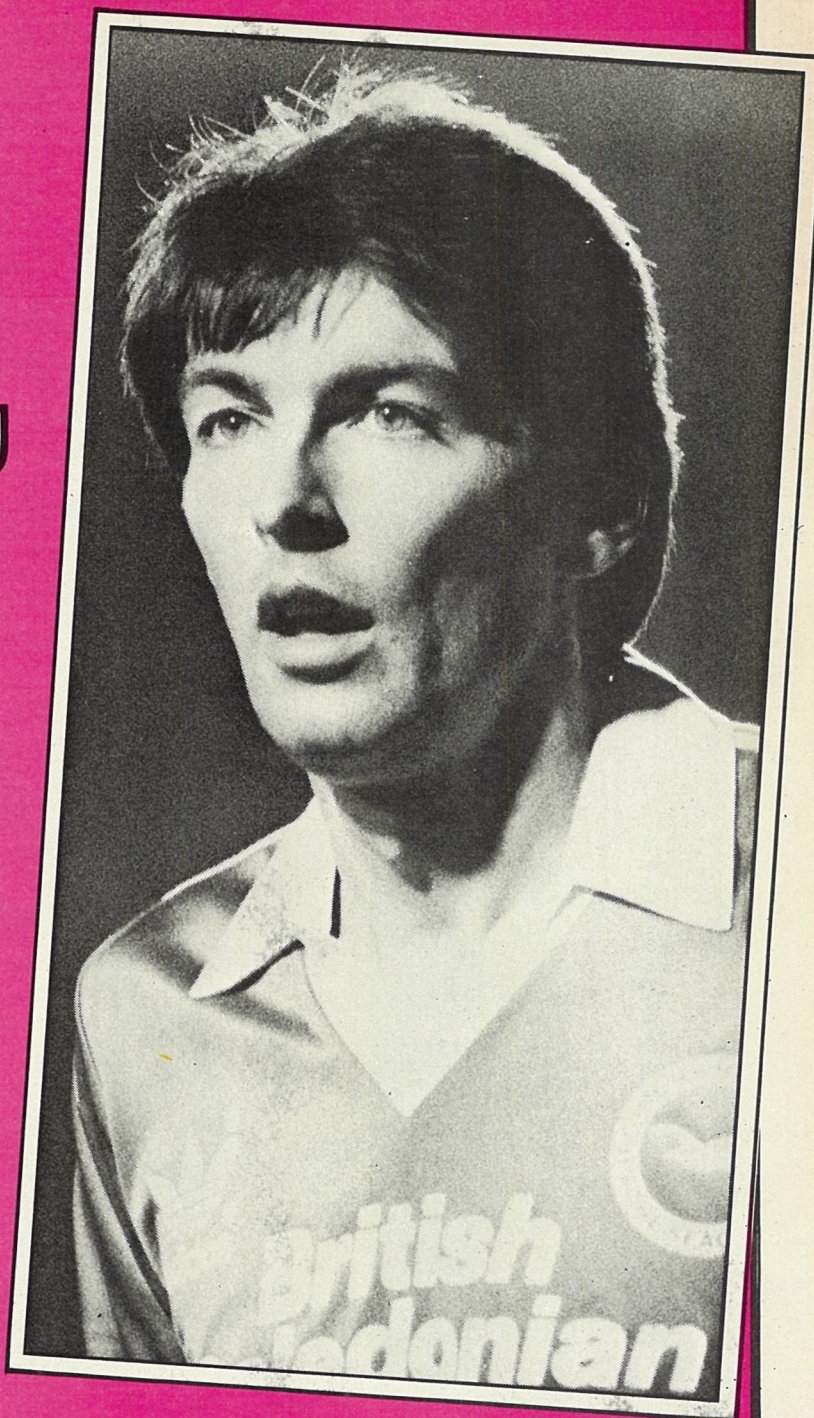
"I went to see the manager when I was dropped for the Cup-tie with Barnet.

"He said it was no reflection on my form, but that I didn't really fit into the system.

"He appreciated my point that being in and out of the side and used as a stop-gap striker was no use to me and I told him I wanted to leave.

"The manager doesn't want me to leave and he praised my performance in the 1-0 home win over West Ham when I was

Left: Mike Thomas — his arrival at Brighton signalled the beginning of the end for Gordon Smith.



recalled, but I'm still determined to go.

"I've asked him to make me aware of any offers that come in and I think he will release me if the right one comes along."

Gordon was the club's second top scorer last season with ten goals as Brighton escaped relegation by winning their last four matches.

He had missed only one League match this season, prior to being dropped for the Cup, as Brighton established themselves as one of the surprise candidates this season for a place in Europe.

The Scottish Under-23 international wants to stay in England and preferably in the First Division.

"I have enjoyed my spell at Brighton and have no regrets about moving South last season.

"I want to remain in the First

Division if possible because it's a great competition with so much more variety than in Scotland where you play the teams four times in a season.

"It's a shame that this has had to happen at Brighton because it's a great little club.

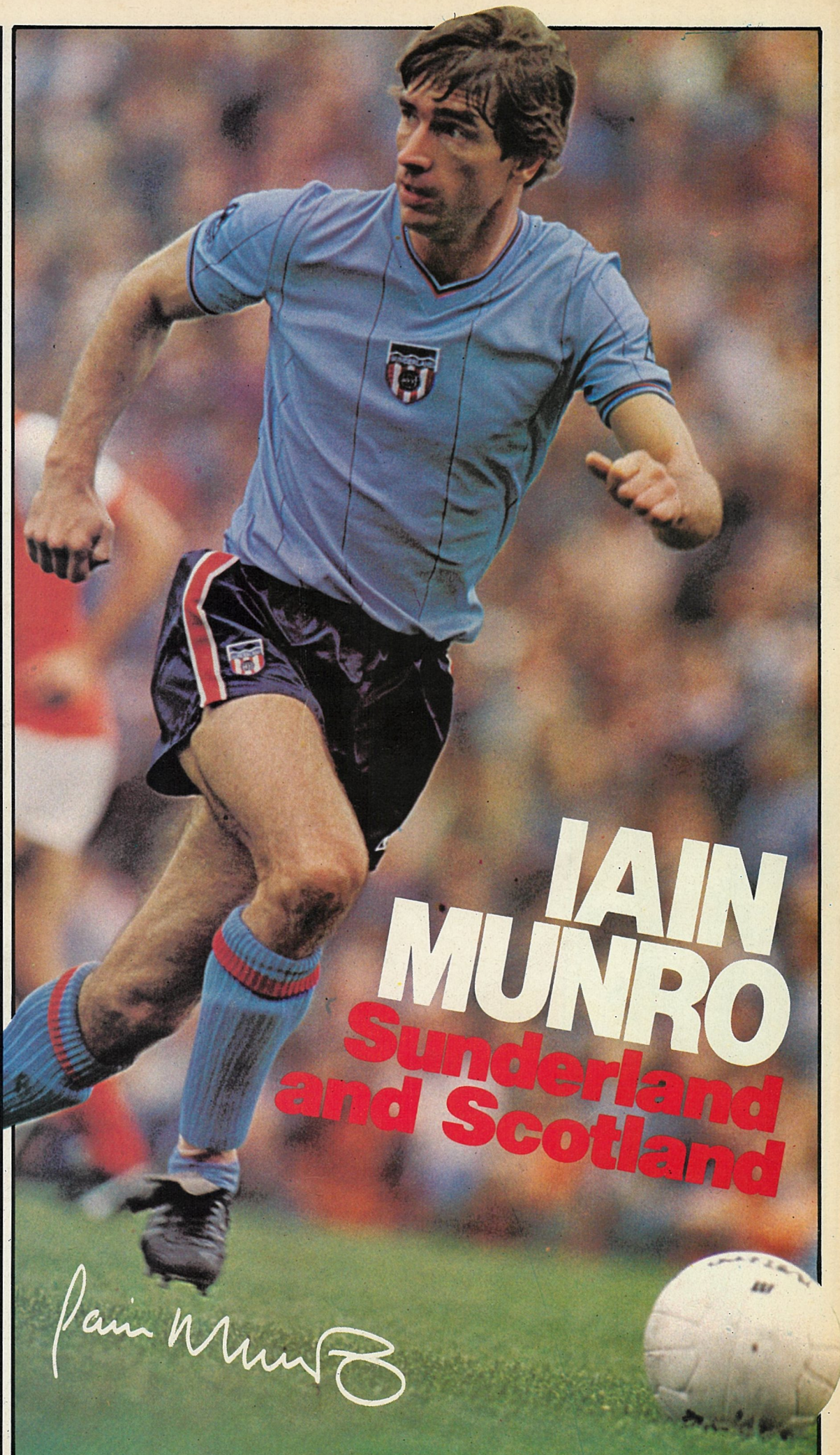
"The manager and myself haven't exactly fallen out over the issue, but in view of what's happened to me since the signing of Mike Thomas, I think it's best for me to move on.

And Gordon hopes something is resolved before too long to renew his now flagging chances of making Scotland's World Cup squad.

"Every player lives in hope of making the World Cup Finals, but I've got no chance while I'm in and out of the Brighton side.

"I need to get established in another side and have a good run if I am to get back anywhere near the frame."

FULL NAME: Alexander Iain Munro.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Uddingston, August 24, 1951.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 8ins/10st 7lbs.
MARRIED: Yes, to Linda.
CHILDREN: None.
CAR: Ford Escort XR3.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: St Mirren, Rangers, Hibernian, Stoke City.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Physical education teacher.
WORST EVER INJURY: Stretched knee ligaments.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Kenny Dalglish — a genius, the complete player.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: St Mirren.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Diego Maradona — most skilled played in the world.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, McGrain, Charles, Moore, Cooper, White, Charlton, Baxter, Dalglish, Law, Best.
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks (England), Carlos Alberto (Brazil), Charles (Wales), Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Schnellinger (W. Germany), Tostao (Brazil), Maradona (Argentina), Garrincha (Brazil), Pele (Brazil), Cruyff (Holland), Best (N. Ireland).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Aberdeen.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Municipal Stadium, Turin.
BEST GOAL SCORED: A 25-yard shot for St Mirren against Dundee in the Scottish Cup in 1978-79.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Terry McDermott's header for Liverpool in the 7-0 defeat of Tottenham in 1978.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Former Rangers winger Willie Henderson.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My Scotland debut against Argentina.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Playing in front of 85,000 Scots at Hampden Park.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing 2-0 to England at Hampden in 1980.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis and rugby.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Reading and listening to records.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Cigarette smoke and losing.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: The Two Ronnies.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Political programmes.
FAVOURITE READING: Robert Ludlum and Desmond Bagley.
FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: Justin Hayward and Moody Blues.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Scampi.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Orange juice.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood and Glenda Jackson.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Airplane.
BEST FRIEND: I hope I have a few close friends.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Wilson Humphries, who coached me at school, Alex Ferguson and Ricky McFarlane.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Cheats and big-headed people.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Fresh fruit salad.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Seven full Scotland caps, Under-23, youth and Scottish amateur youth honours.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy and healthy.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win a major honour in England and play in the World Cup for Scotland.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: To have some kind of business, if not, I'll go back to teaching.
A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: St Mirren's Gardiner Speirs.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Jacques Cousteau.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Work hard and listen to advice.



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